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NPH sold for \$76M

Grand Sakwa given green light for purchase of psychiatric hospital property

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Their imprint already exists all around the township in numerous commercial and residential settings. Now developer Grand Sakwa has a new site to make their mark.

The Farmington Hills-based company July 2 won the right to develop the 422

acres on Seven Mile Road that formerly was home to the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Although the \$76 million bid submitted under the corporate name of Grand Sakwa Northville Seven Mile to the state Department of Management and Budget was the third highest of five, the developer was the unanimous choice of the committee appointed to select a purchaser.

The Northville Advisory Committee in its recommendation to the budget department detailed reasons that Grand Sakwa's offer was a better value for the state than the \$76.7 million by Rock Construction Company of Livonia, \$76.5 million by REI of Bloomfield Hills, \$72 million by Pulte Land Company of Royal Oak, and \$65 million by Toll Brothers of Farmington.

The bid amount was \$11 million above the minimum required, according to Budget department director Mitch Irwin. The committee made its selection based on criteria set forth in the invitation to bid, which represented the highest return to the

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Prison expansion put on lockdown

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

It will take a shovel striking ground outside Northville Township borders before local officials feel complete relief.

But for now, they are comforted that plans to expand Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads are at least on hold.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, issued a statement Monday declaring victory of sorts with approval of his revision to the state's spending plan that removed \$4.8 million to add 400 beds to the local prison.

"The key to putting the brakes on the project is the appropriations, and that's been done," said Township Manager Chip Snider. "This is precisely how we should work with our state officials. At least on the short side, it appears the project will be put on the shelf."

With the state's current capacity for female prisoners at 2,221, and a current population at approximately 2,160, the Department of Corrections is trying to plan ahead, said spokesperson Leo Lalonde.

The department was aware of Patterson's plan to act at the appropriations level on behalf of his constituents' opposition to

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Red, white and blue (and father...and son)



Andre Welch and son Logan, 3, enjoy last Friday morning's Fourth of July parade as it makes its way down West Main St. in Northville. More photos of the parade appear on page 3A.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

District OKs new grade policy

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

After many months of review and deliberation, Northville Board of Education members adopted a new grading system, which had been proposed by the district's Grading Committee.

In late June, board members approved that the middle schools and Northville High School implement an extended four-point grading scale and that the high school pilot a common matrix for all classes, with an adjusted matrix for all advanced placement classes.

Furthermore, the board approved that the high

school review the grading process with the goal of implementing an adjusted matrix for "honors" courses no later than fall 2004.

"It's a lot of change," said Northville High School principal and Grading Committee member, Dennis Colligan. "We're in the process of how to communicate the changes. We've got some work to do. We have to communicate these changes thoroughly."

He said extensive efforts are currently in the works to inform all parents, students and faculty of the new grading system.

The extended four-point scale, Colligan said, is a more accurate reflection of a student's aca-

ademic performance.

"We're going to be transitioning into that this year," he said.

Colligan added that the implementation of the new grading method will not have a marked effect on the day-to-day operations in the classroom. Rather, he said, its effects will appear at the end of the first semester, when students' grade point averages are calculated.

"Everything that has been earned up to this point is frozen," Colligan said. "It's going to stay as is. We're not going to be going back and

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Rec enhancement has red-letter day next week

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Expanding community recreation opportunities will be the topic of a special meeting at Northville Township Hall next Thursday.

Prior to the township board of trustees regular 7:30 p.m. meeting, July 17, the board will review with the township Planning Commission plans for

developing a new portion of Northville Community Park. The 120-acre park on the west side of Beck Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads is one of several active and passive park areas used by township and City of Northville residents as part of a shared-services agreement.

Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincok said she planned at the regular meeting of the recreation commission meeting last

night to remind members of next week's meeting. Commissioners the last couple of months have discussed their desire for a greater voice in planning current and to-be-developed recreation areas in the community.

Looking at concepts for adding fields, paths and courts at next Thursday's meeting is just one step in the larger plan, Sincok said. With developers' recent purchase of Five Mile Road property

from Detroit, and Seven Mile Road property from the state — accompanied by commitments to the township to donate open space — there exists future opportunities for alternate activities. Plus, Sincok said, other property designated as park land is not yet developed.

Current recreation opportunities range from Community Park's soccer and softball fields,

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Northville
Township's
First Fire Chief

**ROBERT
TOMS**

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By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

A memorial service in Arizona today will honor Robert H. Toms, the man who took on the task of establishing the Northville Township Fire Department within a 30-day deadline, then led local life-saving efforts for 15 years.

A plaque Robert H. Toms inside the township Fire Station No. 2 on Seven Mile Road honoring Toms will immortalize the first fire chief,

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 10
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program will be "The Trees of Maybury."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band
DATE: July 11
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 12
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is "Beekeeping."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Tunes on Tuesday — Matt Watroba
DATE: July 15
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Folk musician and radio personality
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

COMING UP

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 17
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is the history of Maybury.
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — One Flight Up (folk music)
DATE: July 18
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info

Got a non-profit or community event coming up you'd like people to know about? We'd be happy to help you. Send basic information (date, time, cost, overview and a contact telephone number) to:

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 (248) 349-9832

Listings can be publicized for up to four weeks in advance of the event. Promotional may also be submitted and will be published, space permitting.

PHONE: (248) 449-9950

One-day grief seminar
DATE: July 19
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DETAILS: The workshop is geared toward adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one. There is no charge for the event, but a \$7 donation to cover the cost of a continental breakfast and lunch is requested.
PHONE: (248) 348-0115

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 19
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is "Leaves."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Tunes on Tuesday — Chris Linn
DATE: July 22
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Linn is a comedy magician. All shows are family-friendly.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 24
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is "Forest Fun."

PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Little Davy & The Diplomats (eclectic classic rock)
DATE: July 25
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 26
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Paul McCormack will present live, wild animals and teach children about their care.
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Bugs Beddow Band
DATE: July 26
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Tunes on Tuesday — Guy Louis & Chautauqua Express
DATE: July 29
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Call for info. All shows are family-friendly.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 31
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is "Maybury's Summer Babies."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Farmington Jazz Band
DATE: Aug. 1
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Northville sidewalk sale / free health fair
DATE: Aug. 2
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
TIME: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (setup begins

at 7 a.m.)
DETAILS: A free health fair will be complemented by downtown merchant sidewalk sales, arts and crafts, an auction, live entertainment and an antique auto display and live entertainment.
PHONE: (248) 349-0522

Mill Race Village croquet match
DATE: Aug. 3
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (west of Griswold, north of Main Street)
TIME: 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Registration for participation is required.
PHONE: (248) 348-0437

Tunes on Tuesday — "Hats Off" by September Productions
DATE: Aug. 5
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: The show is audience-interactive. All shows are family-friendly.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

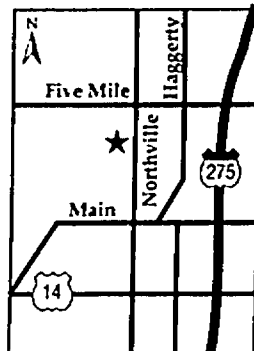
Northville High School Class of 1983 reunion
DATE: Aug. 16
LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel (27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: More information about the event can be found on the event's website.
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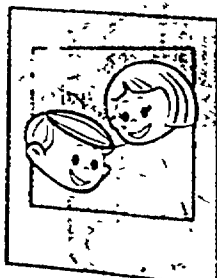
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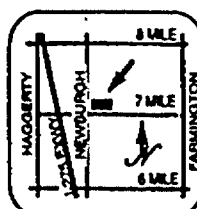
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Northville Swim Club lifeguards Aaron Flohr and Erica Hartland seem to be having a good time as their group's float makes its way down Main Street during last Friday morning's Fourth parade.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A balloon hangs over the air of last Friday's Fourth of July parade in downtown Northville.

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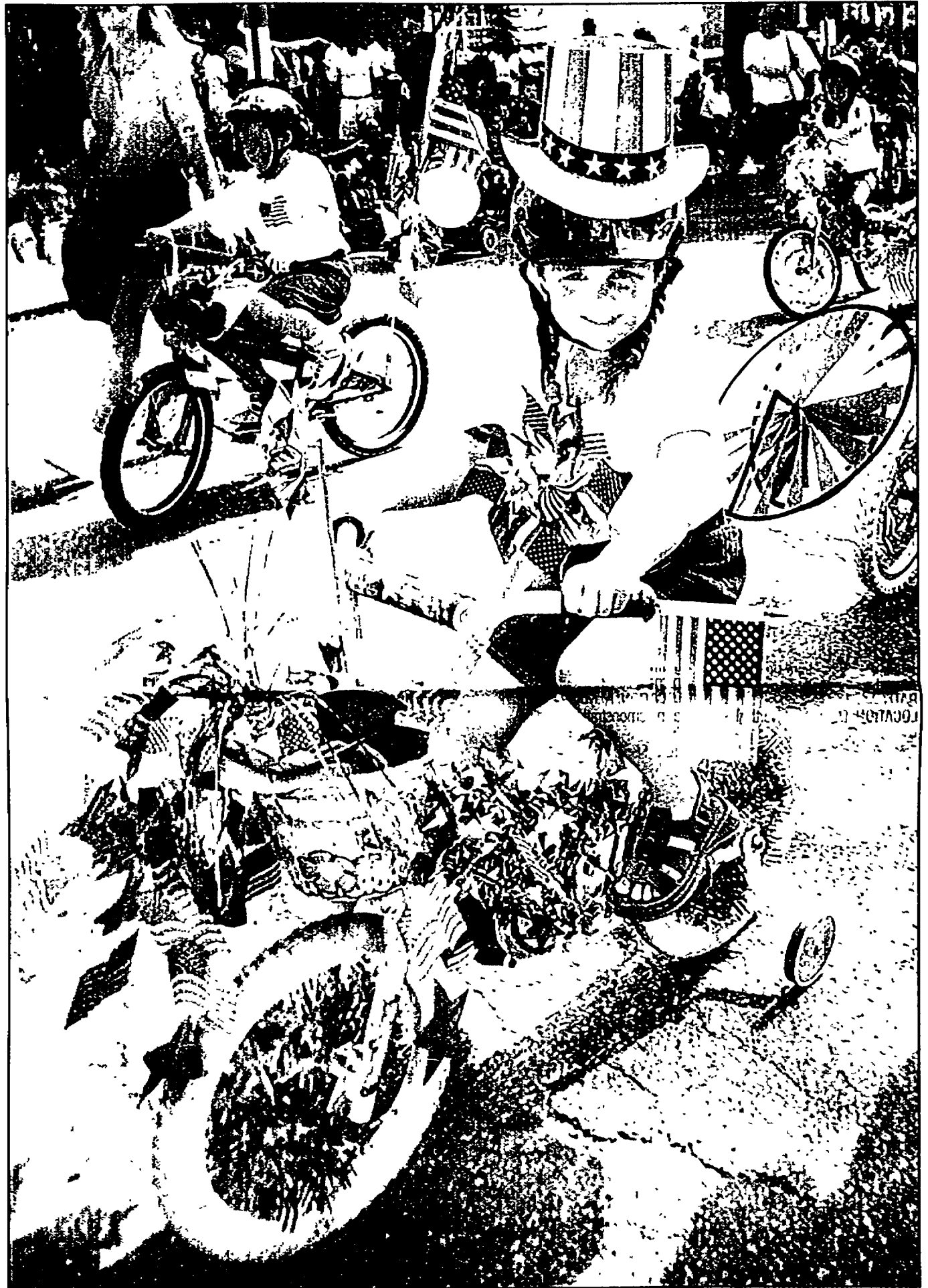


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kelly Buchanan, 5, cruises down Main St. last Friday morning as part of Northville's Fourth of July bike parade.



The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps marches in Friday's parade down Main St. in Northville.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES NOW ENROLLING

The Starfish Family Services program — which provides free pre-school programs to Northville residents residing in Wayne County and neighboring areas — is currently enrolling children.

The Head Start Program is open for three and four-year-olds and offers part-day classes Monday through Thursday (morning or afternoon for three hours per day) or full-day classes Monday through Friday for eight hours per day. Parents must work or attend school.

For more information or to register, please call (734) 326-6271.

Starfish Family Services Head Start offers a learning environ-

ment preparing children for Kindergarten, services for children with disabilities/special needs and provides services for foster children. Nutritious meals and snacks are served daily.

In addition, the Michigan School Readiness program — which is geared for four-year-olds — offers part-day classes Monday through Thursday in the morning or afternoon for three hours per day. Children must be age 4 by Dec. 1 of this school year.

Starfish Family Services MSRP provides services for families that reside in the following school districts: Crestwood, Inkster, Livonia, Clarenceville, Plymouth/Canton, Redford or Wayne/Westland.

Northville residents residing in Wayne County are also included.

For further information call (313) 541-4340 or (734) 326-6271.

RIDGE WOOD CLASSROOM COLLECTION

Ridge Wood volunteers will be collecting new or "gently used" books and toys to help fill the new classrooms at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Donations may be dropped off at Winchester Elementary School every Tuesday morning in July from 9 a.m. to noon and every Thursday afternoon in July from noon until 3 p.m.

Details and ideas for what to donate may be found at

www.northville.k12.mi.us. At that site, click on Ridge Wood Elementary School and select Teacher Wish List, or, ask your child what they would like in their classroom.

For more information, contact Joanne DeSilva at (248) 465-1393.

RIDGE WOOD OFFICE HOURS

The office for Ridge Wood Elementary School will be closed until mid July. The office, temporarily located at Hillside Middle School, will re-open July 15 at 8 a.m.

The hours will be 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. After July 14, you can

reach the principal, Nancy Raynes, or her administrative assistant, Yvonne Hughes, at (248) 344-8493 ext. 230 and 231, respectively.

GOLF OUTING

The fourth annual golf outing, geared to benefit Old Village and Cooke Schools, is scheduled for Sept. 27. Golfers, hole sponsors and prizes are needed.

Participation fees will be \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorship is \$100 and is tax deductible.

Those interested in participating should call (248) 344-8460.

RECORD SEEKS OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

The Northville Record is seeking readers to inform of us of local teachers who have demonstrated academic excellence in the classroom. One teacher — from either a public or private school — will be honored each month through June, then again beginning in September. The teachers will be photographed in their classroom for publication. A feature article on the educator will also be written. In addition, the highlighted teacher will receive a prize from the Record.

To nominate a local teacher you believe deserves recognition for their academic abilities, nominations can be e-mailed to cdavis@ht.homecomm.net or jnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

Queen For A Weekend

The Northville Victorian Festival is looking for a local woman to play Queen Victoria for 15th annual Victorian Festival, Sept. 12-14. Organizers ask that the queen be at least 18 years old, provide her own costume and circulate as much as possible. The queen will be honored at the end of Victorian Festival Parade. The winner will be chosen in a random drawing.

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ADDRESS: _____

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Why do you want to play Queen Victoria?

What do you know about Queen Victoria and her reign?

Mail, fax or drop off entries marked "Queen For A Weekend" to the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167 (FAX: 248-349-8730). Entries due by 4 p.m. Aug. 29.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Village is an 11-acre collection of 19th century buildings along the Mill Pond operated by the Northville Historical Society. The Village is open dawn to dusk seven days a week and is located on the west side of Griswold north of Main Street in downtown Northville. The office, located at the Cady Inn, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Archives are open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. The first Sunday in June through the 3rd Sunday in October the buildings are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with docents (hosts/hostesses) in each to share the history of that building. For detailed information about special programs or renting the facilities call the office at (248) 348-1845.

July 10	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Garden Walk Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn
July 11	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 5 p.m.-6 p.m. 8 p.m.-9 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Rehearsal Rehearsal	Cady Inn Church Church
July 12	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 4 p.m.-6 p.m.	Wedding Wedding	Church Church
July 13	10 a.m.-noon Noon-1 p.m. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Wedding Church Buildings Open to the Public Heirloom Rug Hookers	Church Buildings & Grounds Church
July 14	6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.	Lion's Club	Cady Inn
July 15	9 a.m.-noon 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.	Stone Gang Weavers Guild Meeting	Buildings & Grounds Cottage
July 16	7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Church
July 17	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Rehearsal Northville Historical Society Board Meeting	Cady Inn Church Cady Inn

Approximately 400 Ford Model T antique cars are coming to Mill Race, Friday July 25 from 10 a.m.-noon the Village buildings will be open for this special event, come and enjoy in the fun!

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Arrested development: Scott prison addition

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expansion of the facility. However, Lalonde said, the state will continue promoting the proposal to expand in Northville, rather than the initial plan to add on to Camp Brighton.

"We're going to continue our conversation with the township to convince them this is the best way to go," Lalonde said. "This is the most prudent use of taxpayers' dollars."

Richard McKeon, executive assistant to the department director, Scott warden Joan Yukins, and Lalonde met last week with township clerk Sue Hillebrand, township public services director Don Weaver and Snider to discuss the potential expansion. Another meeting is not yet planned, Lalonde said Monday.

The budget supplemental passed in the Senate Monday had included plans to add 400 beds at Scott, prior to Patterson's amendment. Whether that position will remain through future budget negotiations is "yet to

be determined," according to Patterson's statement.

Prior to the state's push for the Northville expansion, corrections officials had looked at adding a 336-bed unit at Camp Brighton, but sewer issues at that location are proving too costly a problem.

That expansion would cost nearly \$11 million, and building a new prison, \$60 million, Lalonde said. Thus, the state's focus on the addition of another housing unit on the 35-acre Scott site, he said.

State and local elected officials pointed to 1988 and 1991 court judgments that prohibit the expansion and enlargement of prison facilities in the township.

"If the state wants to save money, it should not pursue the Scott option because it will have to defend its position in court," Patterson said.

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, echoed the senator's support for the township's position.

"The consent judgment ought to have been regarded as the final word," Stewart said. "Isolating the

cost issue, that would appear to be the best argument the state has. There's a huge legal roadblock here."

Adding beds at the least expense probably would mean expansion of the Scott facility, the representative continued. Why was that not done initially, he asked.

"This is just going to result in additional dismay by local officials with the state," Stewart said. "Maybe there is some compromise here."

The township has learned some lessons from this latest go-round with the state, Snider said. Local representatives know the plan could be resurrected, he said.

"We no longer live comfortably with the expectation that a deal's a deal," he said. "For the time being anyway, the project is dead."

Maureen Johnston is a reporter for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or mjohnston@hihomecomm.net.

District OKS changes to grading system

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retroactively changing grade point averages."

As the upcoming academic year unfolds, the pilot matrices will be monitored by school officials and staff members.

"We're going to get feedback from faculty as we go through the school year," said Colligan.

School board trustee Joan Wadsworth said the board instructed the grading committee to look at the district's grading policies from elementary to high school.

"They've come up with recommendations to enhance the consistency of our grading," she said. "We recognize a grading structure

may influence a student's choice of classes and so we want a grading policy — that to the extent a grading policy is able — to encourage them to take challenging classes."

Wadsworth said the board agrees with the committee's recommendation to have a different grading scale for AP classes.

"They're much more difficult classes," she said. "We want [students] to take the most challenging courses that they can take. We want our grading system to encourage students to take the most challenging classes."

Wadsworth said a "weighted grade" system differs from the committee's recommendation for an altered grading system.

"The definition of weighted grades is something that goes above a 4.0," she said. "We're referring to it as a grading matrix. It's not a traditional weighting system."

"The reason to do some kind of a matrix system is simply to have students choose challenging classes. Grades may influence the choice of classes and we want to make sure kids are challenging themselves to the extent that they're able."

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Ridge Wood looking for books

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Ridge Wood Elementary volunteers are seeking books and indoor games or activities to add to the new school building's classrooms and further enhance elementary-age learning.

Joanne DeSilva, a Ridge Wood parent volunteer, said a classroom collection drive is underway to accumulate new or "gently used" books and toys for K-5 classrooms at Ridge Wood Elementary.

Donations may be dropped off at Winchester Elementary School every Tuesday morning in July from 9 a.m. to noon and every Thursday afternoon in July from noon until 3 p.m.

Details and ideas for what to donate may be found at www.northville.k12.mi.us. At that site, click on Ridge Wood Elementary School and select Teacher Wish List, or ask your child what they would like in their classroom, said DeSilva.

She said the donation ideas stemmed from teachers, parents and students.

"We're attempting to make sure everything is covered at Ridge Wood," said DeSilva. "We just wanted to make sure everything had been thought of. We asked the teachers for a wish list. We wanted the children to be able to connect to their new school."

"We're sure everything will be fantastic at Ridge Wood. This is just like the icing on the cake."

DeSilva said teachers supplied a list of books titles or specific authors they would like the students to have access to. Indoor recess games toys and activ-

ities are also being sought.

"It is strictly a volunteer group of parents organizing the collection," she said. "Funds are available through school bonds for classroom supplies and learning materials. This is something to get the teachers excited about their new classrooms and to show them our support."

DeSilva said items donated to the elementary school that may not be needed at this time will be donated to charity through the Ridge Wood Character Education Program.

BOOK COLLECTION

Indoor activity games and book donations may be dropped off at Winchester Elementary School

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• Thursdays—noon until 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Joanne DeSilva at (248) 465-1393

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A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
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C	73-76
C-	70-72
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state. Among the key factors were financial capability to complete the transaction, and ability to close the deal by Sept. 30.

Local entities were direct beneficiaries in the winning bid unlike in any other; Grand Sakwa indicated it would donate 50 acres to the township and an additional 20 acres to Northville Public Schools. The developer similarly had set aside more than 30 acres for the school district and township adjacent to their Six Mile and Ridge road project.

"When you consider the dollar cost by acre he's paying for that property, multiply it by 70, that's substantial," said township

trustee Marv Gans.

Fifty acres within that parcel will allow the township to meander Winchester Drive through the property, rather than making it a straight-away from Six Mile Road through to Seven Mile, he said. Also, the open-space might allow for park expansion or a community center.

Gans, also a member of the township planning commission, further praised Grand Sakwa's track record in the community. He cited the appeal of the commercial development at Six Mile and Haggerty roads, including the landscaping and absence of signage labeling the center.

"They've always done what they've said they would do," the

trustee said.

"There was no tie to densities and that type of thing," he added, referring to one of the bidder's requirement to be allowed to build a minimum of 1,500 single-family housing units on the former state hospital property.

"His bid had fewer negatives for the state as well. It was a cleaner bid."

Township manager Chip Snider agreed that the developer had satisfied the state's specification for ability to work with local government. For approximately 10 years, Grand Sakwa representatives have appeared before local officials describing development plans inside the township.

"Grand Sakwa has a firm grasp on what the Township Board and Planning Commission would like to see in their community," Snider said.

Parkstone single-family homes off Six Mile Road; Brooklane Ridge homes at Six Mile and Sheldon roads; the mixed use of condos and retail at Springwater Park; the combination of single- and multiple-housing units at Northville Ridge, and the Northville Village Center at Six Mile and Haggerty roads are among Grand Sakwa's projects.

"They're generous to the community in giving back," said township planner Maureen Osiecki. "They follow the architectural guidelines."

"They are sensitive to the natural features of the land."

All that experience will come into play with the multi-year project ahead of them on Seven Mile Road.

Grand Sakwa has 75 days from the day the bids were due, June 25, to conduct due diligence, performing environmental studies, looking at the existing buildings, and performing other evaluations, prior to finalizing the deal with the state. The State Administrative Board, comprised of public sector officials, will approve the final contract.

The property currently is a contrast of unchecked woodlands and rolling lawns, and vacant buildings and large paved

expanses. And on the south side of the property, the owners of existing homes in Maple Hill, Lakes of Northville and Northville Trails developments are watching plans for beyond their backyard tree line.

Planning for the property to change hands, township leaders last year adopted a Planned Use Development ordinance for the area, which includes a mixture of office, research and development, residential and open-space land uses.

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Park improvements, renovations on tap for July 17 meeting

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walking trails at the rural Thayer Corner Park at Napier and Six Mile roads, the temporary off-leash dog park on Cady Street, and bike paths all around the community.

The township board in May hired landscape architectural firm M.C. Smith of East Grand Rapids, to draft some Community Park concept plan options for township staff to review. Based on a list of priorities adopted by the township board, the company considered: more soccer fields, more baseball/softball fields, basketball courts, a pathway system, skate

board facility, playscape, outdoor amphitheater, picnic pavilion, bike paths, a pond, appropriate restrooms, and a maintenance building.

The board will look at how much money to allocate at this point for the park development, Marv Gans, township trustee and planning commissioner, said Tuesday.

Hopefully, the board will be able Thursday to approve one of the plans Smith representatives prepared, he said. Board go-ahead now would allow preparation of engineering and construction documents, project bidding in November, and the start of construction in the spring, Gans said.

Township residents agreed to continue paying for park development with approval last November of a four-year renewal of a 0.75-mill tax on their property value. The four-year tax, first passed in 1998, in the past has paid for other improvements to Community Park, as well as installation of bike paths and acquisition of land for Millennium Park on Six Mile Road, Sincok said.

Discussion of the strategic planning process for community leisure activities will continue next month with the return to town of GreenPlay representatives, recreation consultants based in Broomfield, Colo.

The recreation shared services agreement will be the topic of a meeting tentatively scheduled for the start of August, Sincok said.

The parks, recreation and open space management consulting firm, which in May hosted seven focus groups of community residents, will lead discussion among city and township elected officials and administrators.

A subsequent meeting including parks and recreation staff will help redefine the department's

mission and vision for the community.

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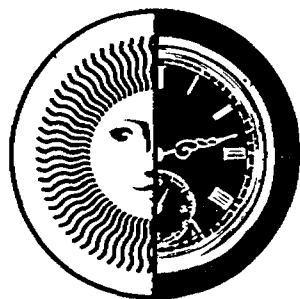


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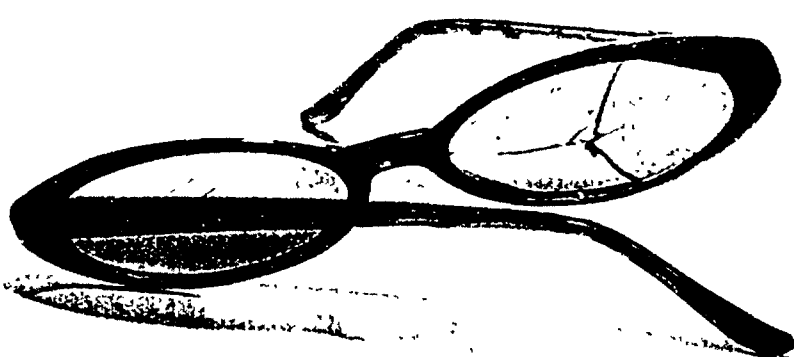


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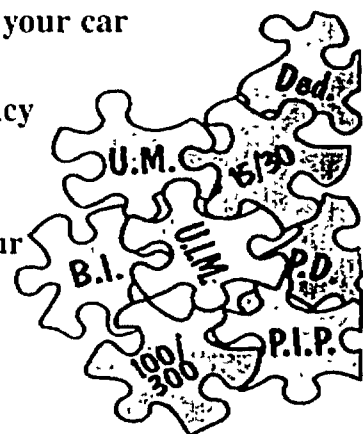
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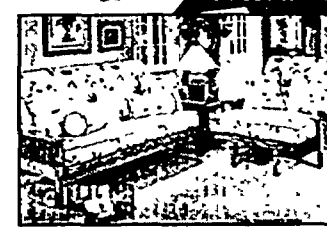
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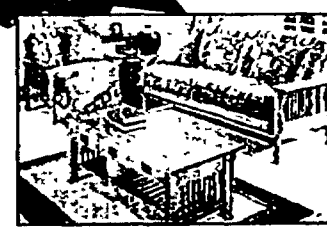
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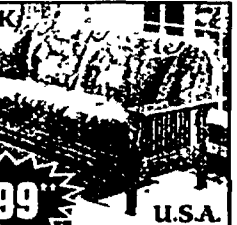
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Downtown shines with Fourth of July parade

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The camaraderie enjoyed by the half dozen buddies perched on the white-pillared porch of the First Presbyterian Church was repeated up and down Main Street prior to the start of the parade Friday.

"We come up here every year," said Tom Curl, congregation member, and long-time parade watcher. "We set up our chairs at 7 a.m."

Curl, Fred Harper, Dave Hursey, Pat Raeburn and Joe Sattler were shaded and comfy in their folding chairs, fine on coffee, and three hours into conversation by the time the procession stepped off at 10 a.m. A public-address system, rigged for the occasion in front of City Hall, broadcast the 100-voice strong rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" to launch downtown Northville's Independence Day celebration.

Thousands of people — four deep from the curb in a lot of spots and dressed in the flag's red, white and blue

— continued standing for "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America." Then the community waved a collective salute to the "Let Freedom Ring" theme with bells brought from home and the thousands of miniatures distributed by parade host, the Northville Community Foundation.

Minutes earlier, red-shirted volunteers completed final preparations for the parade start with their arm-waving orderly direction of cars and entries at the Northville Downs parking lot. The 90-minute procession started and ended there.

Spared from rain and warmed by the sun, spectators saw, heard and felt the excitement of 150 entries, including musical acts, floats, a military jet fly-over, vintage vehicles, local representatives, and the category-defying. After considerable deliberation, a panel of six judges awarded the following hon- ors:

Theme "Let Freedom Ring":
• Winner — Plymouth Fire & Drum
• Second Place — Miss Liberty

(Diana Wallace)
• Third Place — First Baptist Church Band
• Winner — Spirit of Windsor
• Second Place — Fifth Michigan Regiment Band
• Third Place (tie) — Northville High School Marching Band
• Third Place — Caber Feigh Pipe Band

Float:
• Winner — Our Lady of Victory, History of Freedom
• Second Place — Hidden Springs Veterinary, Maybury Memorial
• Third Place — Northville Swim Club, From Sea to Shining Sea
• Honorable Mention — St. Mary-Mercy Hospital
• Honorable Mention — Keller Williams Realty
Crowd pleaser:
• Winner — Shawn Riley Band
• Second Place — Northville High School cheerleaders
• Third Place — Opening ceremonies, which were sponsored by Standard

Federal Wealth Management
• Honorable Mention — Lakeshoremen Rudimental Drumline
• Honorable Mention — Spiriters Parade Squad
Vehicles:
• Most Nostalgic — Dan Wenger's 1965 Black Mustang
• Crowd Pleaser — Goodwill Ambassador/Natalie Lomske's car
• Best Paint Job — Bernie Riegner's 1930 Ford Model A Roadster.

Local restaurateur Tom MacKinnon and Jace Hammel of the UPN/CBS on-the-scene team emceed the parade, describing entrants as they passed City Hall.

As early as Thursday night, chairs and blankets appeared on parade route curbs in anticipation of the community's well-attended annual event. By 7:45 a.m., Curl said, from his porch vantage point, little vacant curb space was visible. It was a slice of Americana with families chatting with neighbors, smoothing on sunscreen, waving flags, leaning toward a shady spot, and sharing snacks.

Squirt-gun toting parade participants relieved the heat for watchers who ventured close enough. Children experienced the thrill of the scramble for candy tossed by several organizations. While some of the marchers wilted in the heavy costumes their theme required, other pranced merrily much of the route.

Foundation executive director Shari Peters down to the last minute supervised the event, with walkie-talkie in one hand and cellular phone in the other. A brief shower affected after-parade July 4 activities planned around town, but the main event unfolded without an obvious hitch.

For those who want to relive the July 4 parade, Comcast will be showing on local access Channel 25 the parade. Times could not be confirmed by press deadline.

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Two more area youths added to ranks of Eagle Scout winners

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Two 15-year-old Northville boys were honored at a Court of Honor Ceremony in June after each achieved their Eagle Scout rank — the highest attainable in the Boy Scouts program.

The event took place at Dearborn's Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church.

Andrew Nichols and Jordan Montgomery — who both attend Northville High School — have been working towards their Eagle Scout accolade since they joined Troop No. 1111 in early elementary school.

Susan Nichols, mother of Andrew Nichols, said State Representative John Stewart, R-Plymouth, attended the Court of Honor service.

"He was at the church and he gave a very moving speech of what scouting meant to him," Nichols said. "Not only was he there, but he gave the best speech. He brought his shadow box with him with all his memorabilia. I was so surprised he made it here. He made it a priority."

According to Boy Scout officials, Nichols' required project involved the restoration of an area of forest at the University of Michigan

Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center. He raised funds for the purchase of native trees and plants. His plan, officials said, also included cutting back invasive common

backthorn and using the brush to create habitats for the area wildlife and migrating birds. With the funds, Nichols purchased and planted 53 native trees. A total of 243 hours were dedicated to the project.

Scouting representatives said Montgomery's project benefited the River Oaks Community/Senior Citizen Center. The task involved scraping old paint and repainting the historic Henry Ford Carriage House in Dearborn Heights, scraping and painting the entire swimming pool deck, repainting all the benches and removing weeds and debris from the area, officials said.

Over 180 hours were volunteered for this project. Nichols said her son has benefited immensely from his experience as a Scout.

"He did work very hard," she said. "They've learned a lot about life, maintaining values and loyalty."

"It's just amazing to see all the areas of life he's touched upon as a result of been involved in Scouting. It really helps them be leaders."

Along with learning about the environment, safety and the human condition, Nichols said scouting has prepared her son for his future.

"It's going to carry a lot of weight in their future," she said. "The nice thing is that it teaches men to be men."

"It really opens up a whole new world to you. I think he'll be successful no matter what, because he's just that kind of kid. I'm very proud of him. It's nice to see him go through Scouting."

In addition, Nichols said the recently lauded Eagle Scouts have opportunities to lead younger students as they pursue the coveted Eagle rank.



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Ford Model T collection (Mill)races to Northville

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

Coupling a rich history with an unforgettable legacy, no place seems more appropriate to celebrate Henry Ford and his success than Northville's Mill Race Historical Village.

Apparently the Central Michigan Model T Club agrees.

Together, Mill Race and the Lansing-based Model T Club have organized a day to recognize Henry Ford's contribution to the local community and perhaps his most notable accomplishment, the Model T.

A group of around 450 Model Ts will be on display at Mill Race Village July 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. The stop is one of many along the Rouge Corridor and Historic Ford Trail tour that the Central Michigan Model T Club is making.

Usually open only on Sunday's from June through October, Mill Race has made an exception for the event. "It's very appropriate for the historical nature of our village," said Juliet Culp, Mill Race Village office manager. "It brings the connection back because of Henry Ford donating our land. We're hoping to attract a lot of excited people."

According to Dana Traub, vice president of the Central Michigan Model T Club, the connection

between Mill Race Village and Henry Ford is one of the primary reasons why the club has made it a location on its tour.

"People enjoy stopping at historic sites, and we enjoy history," Traub said. "All of this is by Henry Ford's shops. [Mill Race] is nice because it's inside one of his historic sites."

Annual tours, many held nationally, are an integral component of the club itself.

Although this event conveniently corresponds with Ford Motor Company's centennial celebration, Traub insists that the two are unrelated. Even he, however, can't hide his excitement.

"It makes it all the more fun," he said. "It's part of a world celebration this year."

Culp and others involved at Mill Race are looking forward to it just as much.

"We've had the Model A's that have been coming on and off, but we've never had anything of this number," she said.

Guided tours and information on village history will be available throughout the afternoon in addition to the Model T event.

Anneliese Woolford is a special writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.



Eye of the dragon

submitted photo

The winner of the Eye Foundation raffle for the Northville Knights Temple No. 39 was Kathleen Connor of Northville, the ticket for which was purchased at the July 4, 2002, Knights breakfast. The dragon — pictured here — was donated back to the Knights for a future drawing. Pictured are Connor's niece and grandnieces, Shannan Wassmann, Molly Wassmann, Katie Wassman and Tom Carrico, commander of Temple No. 39.

Scorching summertime days puts heat on blood supplies

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to save lives, the Northville Rotary Club is hosting a blood drive tomorrow at Northville City Hall.

The event is slated to take place from noon to 6 p.m.

"During the summer months, the Red Cross has a difficult time having enough donors," said Skip Parker, a member of the Rotary organization and event organizer.

"Their fear is a big disaster that would deplete their supply, so that's why the coordinator called me up and asked to do blood drive. I told her I'd see what I could do."

Parker said walk-ins are welcome or donors may make an

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Participants are to bring identification showing their Social Security number. Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health.

"We're hoping to get 25 people signed up," said Parker. "We're short about eight or nine."

He added that the drive's purpose has a very important mission.

"It saves lives," said Parker. "Without blood, people would not make it through operations."

And making a blood donation, he said, won't take long to complete.

"It takes about 45-60 minutes for the whole procedure," said Parker.

Last February, the Northville Rotary club hosted a blood drive and collected 30 pints of blood. "It is important," said Parker.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext 107 or by e-mail at jnorris@ltihome.com.

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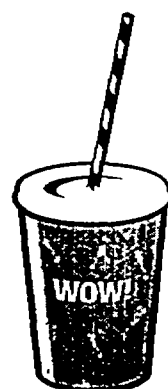
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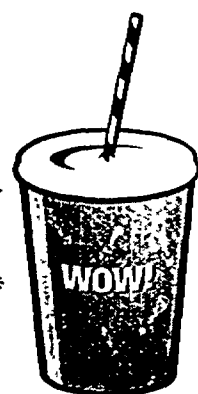


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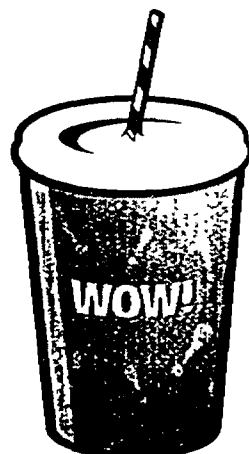
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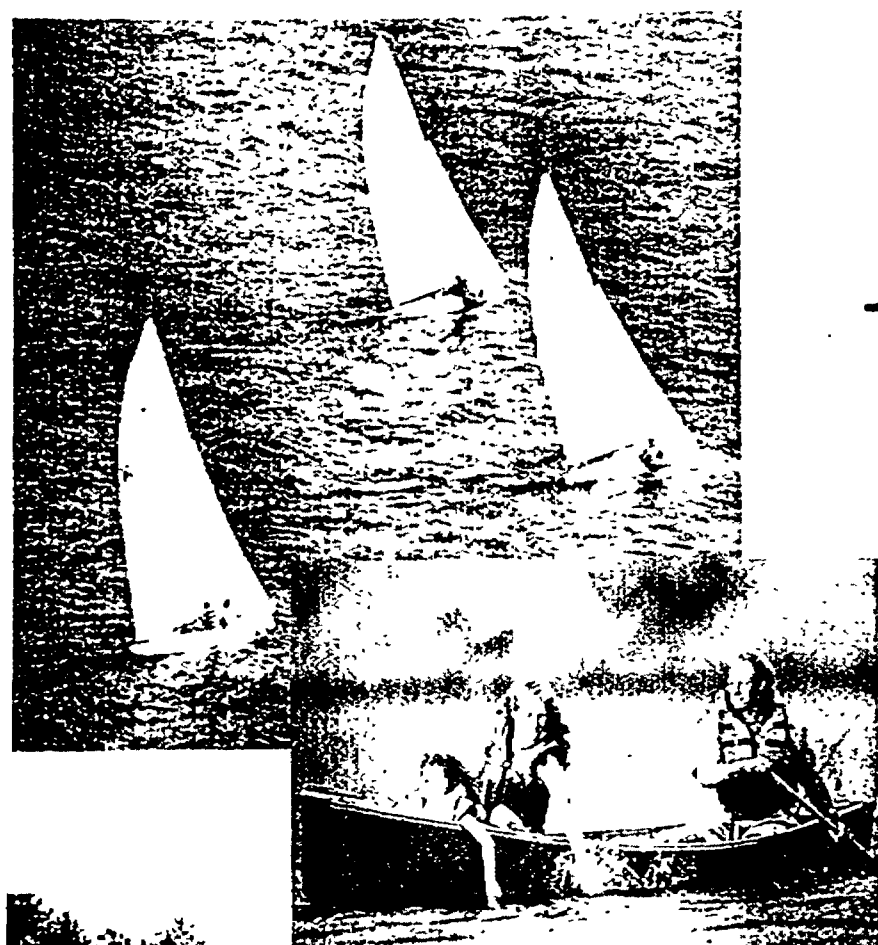
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Northville welcomes physical therapy center

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Dennis Engerer started providing rehabilitation services to the residents of Northville in 1985 when his first business, Northville Physical Therapy, opened at 420 Center in the Northville Professional Center.

Now, almost 20 years later, he's still helping people get around better with his new business, Northville Physical Rehabilitation, that opened in March at 215 E. Main Street.

After his business outgrew his location on Center Street, Engerer moved to 332 E. Main across from the Dandy Gander Restaurant. He sold his business in 1997, however, to a national corporation that owned about 20 rehabilitation businesses. But the venture didn't suit Engerer.

"The business was going like crazy, and we had 15 employees," he recalled. "But because we were so busy, we missed a lot of the personal interaction with our patients. I don't think that medicine is something that a national corporation can do well. Medical offices should be locally owned and operated. I hear this over and over again from both patients and doctors. They wanted us to provide the quality of care that we once did."

Engerer signed a non-compete agreement when he sold his business stating that he would not open or operate another similar business for five years. "When that expired, I decided to come back and open my own business again," he said.

So, this spring he moved back to Main Street, and, according to Engerer, both new and former patients are pleased.

"The response has been overwhelming. A lot of the same

"We can do everything here that a large, hospital-based physical therapy department can offer."

Dennis Engerer
Northville Physical Therapy

patients and same loyal, referring physicians are back," he said. "The business has really taken off, and I'm trying to get the staff built back up."

Current staff members include Brad Gliha, an exercise physiologist, and Terry Heaton, a physical therapist. Louise Austin works as a physical therapy assistant, setting up patient treatment programs and working with clients.

"The only thing a physical therapy assistant does not do that a regular physical therapist does is patient evaluations," Engerer explained.

Engerer is looking for one more physical therapist to complete his staff.

Ardith Borgia serves as the office's receptionist.

Engerer said seeing a physical therapist to help an injury heal or improve one's physical condition is a personalized journey.

"This is not like going to the gym and working out. We have structured and supervised exercises for each patient," he noted.

After patients are discharged from their physical therapy, they are invited to participate in a fitness program which is also available to the general public.

"Our service is for people who don't want to go to a health club and feel they need more individual attention," Engerer said.

"The may be self-conscious because of their physical limitations or because they have emotional or psychological problems," he noted. "I've had psychiatrists refer their patients to me."

Northville Physical Rehabilitation is located in a 4,000-square-foot office on the first story of the two-story building at 215 E. Main. The second story to this building was just added about five years ago, according to Engerer.

The office is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

"We can do everything here that a large, hospital-based physical therapy department can offer," Engerer said. "And, we don't put people on waiting lists."

Engerer graduated from Oakland University in 1981 and has been involved in the field of physical therapy for almost 25 years.

He was born in Farmington but has lived in the Northville area for most of his life.

"I live in the community and like the community," he said.

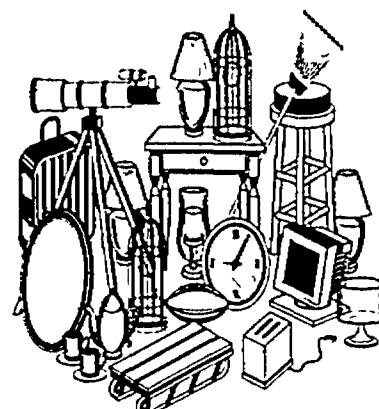
A member of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, "I've been a Northville booster from way back," he said.

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Physical Therapist Terry Heaton works on the shoulder of patient Cynthia Catchatoorian at Northville Physical Rehabilitation on East Main Street.



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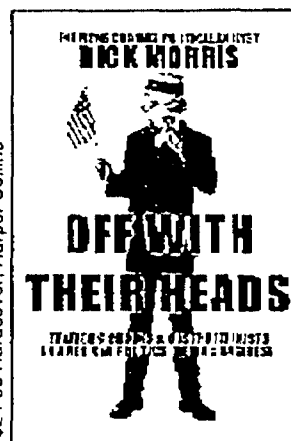
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Sale of hospital signals new start

Another critical step in the redevelopment of a huge portion of Northville Township was taken this week, as Farmington Hills-based Grand Sakwa's \$76 million bid to purchase the Northville Psychiatric Hospital property was accepted. This, we feel, keeps the momentum of progress moving forward, and helps paint a clearer picture of the future of the Seven Mile Road zone.

"Grand Sakwa has a firm grasp on what the township board and planning commission would like to see in their community," township manager Chip Snider said. That much can't be denied. Grand Sakwa is certainly no stranger to the township, having already developed several projects in the community — most notably the Northville Plaza strip mall at Six Mile and Haggerty roads. The fact that tenants have continued to occupy their lots, coupled with the construction of new buildings around the area, convinces us that the location is hot and the buildings are aesthetically consistent with the community.

This project, however, will be altogether different. Not only

does it stand to be one of the largest projects ever taken on in the township, but unlike other developments that start with a blank slate, this one will almost inevitably require the demolition of several structures on the NPH campus.

This is bound to be a complex and lengthy process. We can only hope the votes of confidence in Grand Sakwa echoed by township leaders are still spoken five years from now.

With a purchaser now determined, the next step is to come up with a plan, and to make sure that plan is carefully communicated to both the township board, and to residents and businesses in the area.

A project of this scale demands that the parties taking it on keep others in the immediate vicinity in the loop as to what's in store and the effects the project will have. Not doing so would be unfair to those who've spent as much as 40 years with NPH as a neighbor.

We'll be watching — very closely — the transformation of one of the last vestiges of the "old" Northville Township in the months and years to come.

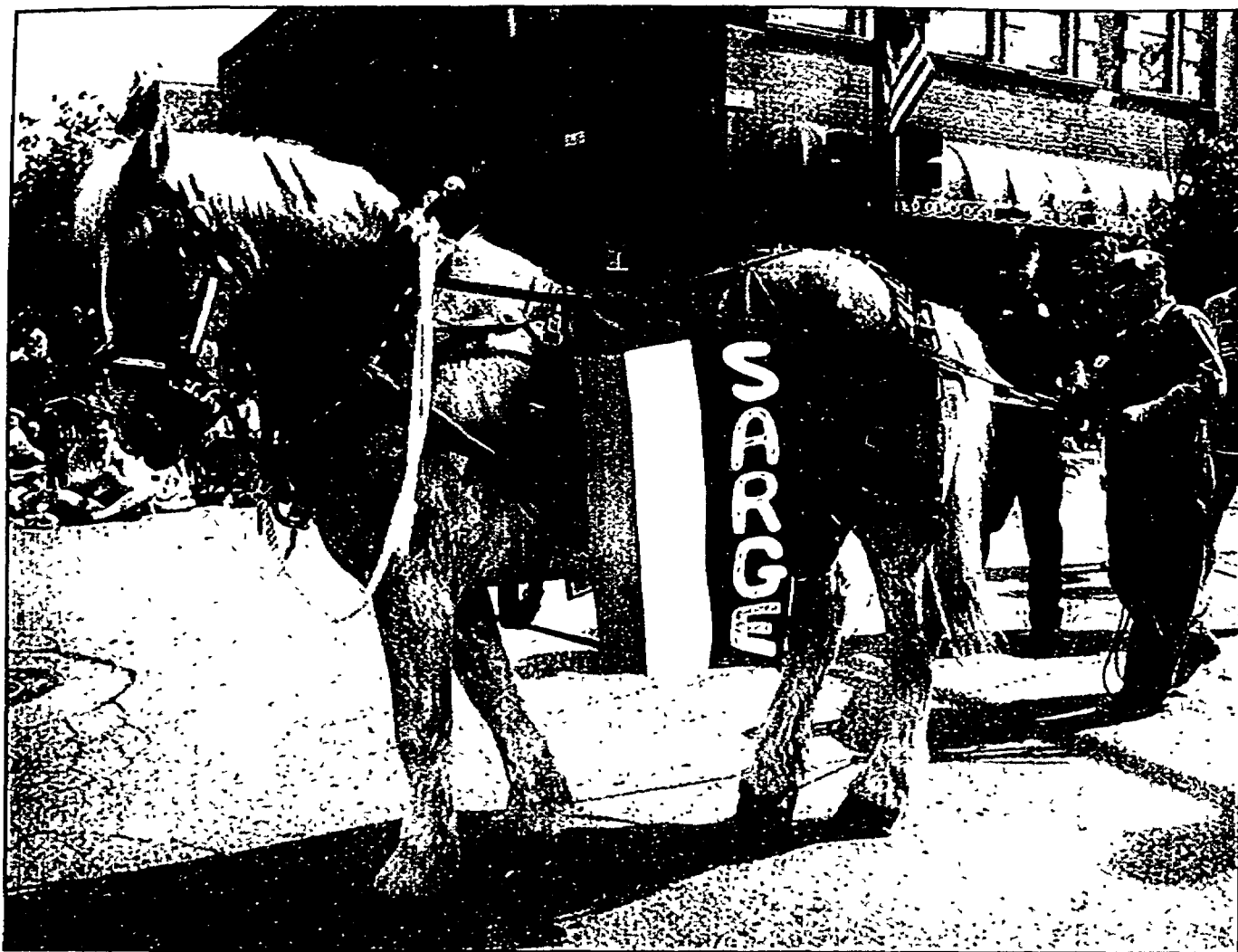


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Farmer John Beemer, leading Belgian plowhorse "Sarge" shakes hands with Novi Police Department's Tim McNamara during last Friday's Northville Fourth of July parade.

LETTERS

Bush has helped, not hurt USA, the world

I for one am tired of seeing seditious, mean-spirited letters from left-wing whiners, dissing the president. President Bush has done more for American citizens in less than three years than Clinton did in eight.

The woman (Phyllis Clancy) who wrote [July 3] condemning the administration for invading Iraq and Afghanistan is not in the main stream of public opinion. Over 80 percent of people surveyed supported military action in both countries. The Al Qaeda people who masterminded and financed the attacks on the World Trade Center, and several Embassies, resided in Afghanistan. And we were perfectly justified in rooting them out. What would Ms. Clancy have us do? Wring our hands and wait for the next assault on our country?

The information the president relied upon came from the same intelligence community that Clinton relied on when he ordered the 1998 bombing of Iraq. It's not surprising weapons of mass destruction have not yet been found. After all, in the six months of the do-nothing U.N. foot dragging, Hussein could have moved the whole country to Syria or Iran.

As for the statement, "Seventy percent of Iraqi's support the Baath party" is patently false. A recent poll of Iraqi citizens show two-thirds support the war to remove Hussein of U.S. occupation pending the establishment of a representative government.

Lastly, there is nothing in the Constitution, as claimed by Ms. Clancy, that would support impeachment based on the president's actions. He correctly sought and received approval from the Congress to wage war on both countries. If Ms. Clancy favors impeachment, I suggest Congress be included. That's about as absurd as it gets.

Ned J. Hart
Northville Township

Stampeddler Plus, Bea Burg, Steve Fecht, Lou Reibling, Leonard Reznierksi, Rick Shaffner, Sparr's, Lori Ward, Gary Word, Great Harvest Bread, and Running Fit. Also, thank you to the Northville Record for publicizing the race.

Thanks to the Northville Police Department for directing traffic. Thank you Mr. Watson for your help. An enormous thank you goes to all the volunteers for their outstanding help: Jenny Maile, Brandon Bednar, Megan Roney, Alicia Raisingham, Katie Franks, Carrie Franks, Amy Rauner, members of the Rotary Interact Club, and all the other volunteers. A special thank you to Megan Foley, Audrie Lin, and Andrew Moore for assisting with the race.

I would like to thank everyone who pledged and all the participants for making this event a success. We thank you for giving hope to children all over the world. We hope you will join us next year.

Shivani Agrawal
Vice President
Northville High School
Rotary Interact Club

Read the Constitution before criticizing Bush

I have many questions in regards to [Phyllis Clancy's] Letter to the Editor of the Northville Record. The Constitution of the United States neither demands nor requires the impeachment of Bush. There is no evidence of him committing any high crimes or misdemeanors. Bush was not on trial, he was not sworn to give testimony before court. All he did was to present before Congress and the American public the information on Iraq. If you were to study the Constitution you would learn that the primary job of the President is to establish foreign policy, which every president has done since the beginning of this nation.

The Nuremberg Charter was drawn up after the surrender of the Axis. It primarily dealt with what action to be taken with the Nazis. It listed what actions were considered as crimes that political leaders could be held responsible for "Crimes against Humanity namely, murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation and other inhuman acts committed against civilian population..."

(www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftirails/nuremberg/NurembergIndictments.html)

Saddam's record on Human Rights violations is beyond belief, check out Amnesty International website (http://www.amnesty.org/) or ask a Kurd or a Marsh Arab. I am sure they could help you understand what problems they faced with Saddam. Bush has not violated any of the Charter's Articles.

Geneva Convention (The Hague, Laws and Customs of War on Land) deals with the treatment of military and the general population. The Rules of War states what belligerent force is. It lists what we can and cannot do with POWs. It also prescribes what is a regular army is and what a guerrilla force is. If you are going to say that our troops killed "civilians," it is possible. But we need to know what conditions were at the time did the civilians act in provocative matter, did the Iraqi Army use civilians in attempt to shield their actions. Ms. Clancy, you cannot ever judge the actions of our military or the actions of our allies' military unless you have spent part of your life under fire. Yes, it is bad that civilians did get killed, but this is war and the price for freedom comes high. Bush did not violate any of the articles in this Convention. (www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/lawofwar/haguecuet02.htm)

You stated "70 percent of the Iraqi people supported Saddam." If you were to look at recent 20th Century European history you would find that those percentages that supported Hitler were as high as those and perhaps higher. These people who supported the actions of the Nazis were wrong and so are the people who supported Saddam and the Baath party, as they tried to eliminate any opposition of their plans. Saddam, the Baath party and Hitler's dream of a Third Reich had similar ends, thankfully.

Dwight Wild
Northville

Carol L. Geake
Northville

Maybury recovery has been a blessing

Although our community was deeply saddened by the tragic barn fire at the Maybury Farm, some good has already come from the disaster. The response of kind and generous people from Northville and surrounding communities has been awesome.

When I first suggested we make a float for the Fourth of July parade in memory and support of Maybury Farm, people came alive with ideas. The float and accompanying people and animals grew from a simple idea to a major project which could never have been finished without the labor, time, animals, talents, materials, and interest so freely and selflessly given by so many people. A talented artist shaped the bobble heads of chicken wire and paper mache, but the huge task of giving personalities to the animals was a group effort. The Northville Carriage Co. provided the wagon and horses and built the barn. People seemed to come from everywhere to help out. We all made new friends, met neighbors, renewed old friendships and generally experienced the camaraderie that results when people join together to achieve a common goal. All of us were deeply moved by the experience. I wish to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to all who were involved, even if only to stop by and admire the work in progress. To the supportive folks who attended the parade, we hope you enjoyed our presentation. We are aware that our display may have renewed poignant memories, but our hope is that we all remember how much the farm meant to us and to our children, and that we realize we can only hope to restore the farm through optimistic, enthusiastic financial and vocal support. Let's keep the memory alive so it may soon become a reality.

Thanks for assistance with Heart N' Sole race

On Saturday, May 31, many runners, walkers, and volunteers made it possible to "Change a child's life every step of the way." They demonstrated their desire to help the world at Northville High School Rotary Interact Club's Fourth Annual Heart 'n' Sole Race. All the proceeds from the race will be used to sponsor needy children through the nonprofit organization Children International.

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BIRTHS



Kegan Cabot Kurinij

Kegan Cabot Kurinij was born March 19 in Savannah, Ga., to Stacie and John Kurinij. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. Kegan is the grandson of Rose and William Kurinij of Northville, Gary Hartland of Lake Wales, Fla., and Barbara Hartland of Savannah. He is the great-grandson of Michail and Natalie Kurinij of Berlin, Md., John and Lidia Zacepilo of Willard, Md., and Grace Hartland of Palatka, Fla.



Kiera Rose Murphy

Kiera Rose Murphy was born May 13 in Cincinnati to Tanya and Michael Murphy. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches at birth. Kiera is the granddaughter of Rose and William Kurinij of Northville and Jack and Marilyn Murphy of Austin, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Michail and Natalie Kurinij of Berlin, Md., John and Lidia Zacepilo of Willards, Md., and Marie Murphy of Cincinnati.



Samantha Rily Riordan

Samantha Rily Riordan was born May 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to Jennifer and Rick Riordan of Northville. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth. Samantha is the granddaughter of Jerry and Nancy Smith of Canton, Trina Riordan of Farmington Hills and Dick and Corrine Riordan of Walled Lake.

WEDDINGS



Radzialowski-Exton

Beth Ann Radzialowski and Eric Charles Exton were married April 5 in Newport Beach, Calif. Father Matthew Ryder officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Norbert and Carole Radzialowski of Northville. She is a graduate of Madonna University and is employed by Ford Motor Company. The groom is the son of Karen Exton and is a graduate of Stanislaus University (Turlock, Calif.) and is employed by Phase One Environmental of Tustin, Calif. The maid of honor was Eve Marie Radzialowski. The best man was Frank Scorpiniti. Groomsmen were Andrew Radzialowski and Terry Bailey. The reader was Jennifer Psillas. The couple honeymooned in Venice, Italy.

ENGAGEMENTS



Gian-Howie

David and Kathleen Gian of Northville, and James and Tina Howie of Novi announce the engagement of their children. The bride-elect, Meghan Gian, is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as a project manager at Flagstar Bank. The groom-elect, Thomas Howie, is a 1996 graduate of NHS and a 2001 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed as a U.S. Department of Defense civil engineer stationed at U.S. Army Tank Automotive & Armaments Command in Warren. A July 19 wedding is planned.



McQuaid-Heldke

Michelle McQuaid of Novi and Bart Heldke of Dearborn announce their engagement. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High school and the daughter of Dan and Mary Ann McQuaid of Northville. Parents of the groom-elect are Paul and Patricia Heldke of Rice Lake, Wis. The bride-elect received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her MBA from Wayne State University. The groom-elect received a bachelor and master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Both are employed by Ford Motor Company. A September wedding is planned.

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OBITUARIES

Stella R. Kovalak

Stella Kovalak of Northville Township died June 16 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 56.

Ms. Kovalak was born Jan. 24, 1947, near Stuttgart, Germany, to Ms. Kovalak and Walter and Helen (Stoklosa) Piotrowski as they awaited post-World War II repatriation. Ms. Kovalak's parents emigrated to Kitchener, Ontario, in 1950. Ms. Kovalak moved to the United States in 1970 following her marriage to William Kovalak, who she met while attending the University of Waterloo. He survives her. The couple moved to Northville in 1986.

A Northville public schools employee for 13 years, Ms. Kovalak worked as a playground and lunchroom supervisor at Winchester Elementary School and as a clerk / typist at Thornton Creek Elementary School.

In addition to her husband, Ms. Kovalak is survived by her children, Andrea (Jason) Miller of South Lyon, John (Dawn) Kovalak of South Lyon, Angela Kovalak of Northville; her grandson, Dominick (Kovalak) of South Lyon; her sister, Irene Orlowski of Waterloo, Ontario. She was preceded in death by her brother, Alex Piotrowski of Kitchener.

A funeral Mass for Ms. Kovalak was celebrated June 21 by Father Joe Mallia at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Joseph L. Willerer

Joseph Willerer of Northville Township died near his son's home in Bellaire on July 5. He was 88.

Mr. Willerer was born in Spokane, Wash., on April 4, 1915 to Nicholas and Anna (Shoe) Willerer.

Mr. Willerer was a retired parts inspector for General Motors. He is survived by his wife, Anne; his three sons, Richard and Jessica Willerer of Bellaire, Mark of Owosso and Joseph and Shari Willerer of Melvindale; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and his sister, Hedy Brown.

A memorial service for Mr. Willerer was held at Northrop-

Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Father Terry Kerner of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church officiated the service.

Robert J. Chynoweth

Robert Chynoweth died July 7 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He was 73.

Mr. Chynoweth was born Sept. 29, 1929, in Calumet to the late Thomas Chynoweth and Jean Weir Chynoweth. A retired accountant for Unisys Corporation, Mr. Chynoweth was preceded in death by his first

wife, Joyce Chynoweth, and a sister, Lois Stewart.

Mr. Chynoweth was a member of the Moose and Elks clubs, and served in the National Guard.

A memorial service for Mr. Chynoweth will be held July 10 at 11 a.m. at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Arthur Spafford will officiate.

Mr. Chynoweth is survived by his wife, Ila M. Chynoweth of Northville; his sons, Craig Chynoweth of Idaho, Keith Chynoweth of Canton and Gary (Gail) Chynoweth of Livonia, five grandchildren, one

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation.

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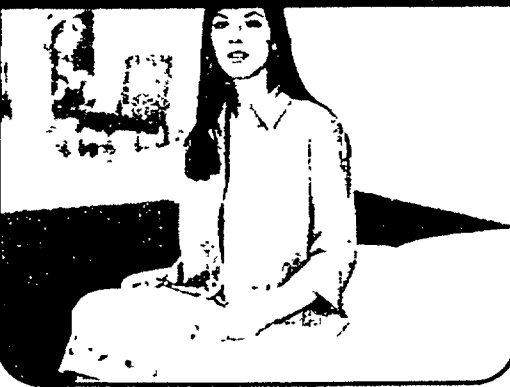
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ON CAMPUS

The following Northville residents were among the graduates of Western Michigan University recognized spring 2003 commencement ceremonies: George Abbott, Michelle Arent, Andrew Davis, Jack Falvo, Kari Farina, James Graff, Lukas Leftwich, Sarah Matusz, Gordon McPhail, Nathaniel Roney, Marci Saho, David Tarakedis, Matthew Tyranski, Angela Walker and Kevin Yuhasz.

The following Northville residents were named the honors list at Central Michigan University for the spring 2003 semester: Karen Becker, Sarah Bowles, Elizabeth Fischer, Stephanie Flood, Andrea Harris, Derek Howell, Ellen Klein, Deana Labute, Katherine Lolli, Christine Mellor, Kathryn Niskanen, Sara Niskanen, Michael Pilarz, Candice Rosinski, and Sara Zalno.

Northville residents Katie Schoettlinger and Kelly Modetz were named the dean's list at Miami (Ohio) University.

Best, bravest remember 1st fire chief

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who died June 27 at age 76. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Loretta (Delp), who resides in Chandler, Ariz. where the couple moved to after leaving Northville Township in 1993.

Following declining health in recent years, Toms died in his sleep of natural causes, his son-in-law Doug Godin reported from his Phoenix home. There are six Toms children, including Patricia Lindberg, Loretta Grignon, and Karen Toms, all of Chandler; Louise Shelley and Robert Michael Toms, both of Canton, and Elaine Godin, as well as 15 grandchildren.

"He was a wonderful man," Godin said. Abiding by his wishes, the family arranged for Toms' cremation. The delayed memorial service allowed for extended family to travel to Arizona.

"His health was getting bad," Godin said. "He was able to function on his own, but his legs were getting bad and he was diabetic. It never got to the point he needed 24-hour care."

Learning of Toms' death last week, long-term friends remembered him with affection, for his easy smile, resourcefulness and willingness to work.

"He took a group of very young men — including myself — and turned us into fire fighters," said current township Fire Chief Bill Zhmendak. He recalled the chief as always smiling, with a joke and a story to share.

"He will truly be missed," Zhmendak said. One of only two successors in Toms' top position, the current chief joined the department as a sergeant-on-call in 1978, a year after Toms created the force from scratch.

"Without his beginning, there would not be the firefighters in the township that there are today," he said. He brought professionalism with his experience, he said.

Toms began his career as a firefighter with the Detroit Fire Department Feb. 23, 1948. He retired as a captain and training academy instructor March 1, 1975.

One of his career highlights the family recalled was when Toms in 1966 was named The Detroit News' first Firefighter of the Month. His children remembered his pride in being recognized, not for fighting fires in that instance, but for catching a bank robber, Godin said.

It was after his retirement from the Detroit department that he moved his family to Northville Township in response to a request to establish a local department. He

"If there was a deal out there that was going to be a benefit to the community, he would find it."

Bill Zhmendak
current Northville Township fire chief

brought with him three fellow retired Detroit firefighters who helped with training and eventually became part of the new force as well.

Toms went on to serve as chief from 1977 to 1991. At the time of the construction of the Seven Mile Road station in 1987, the township board dedicated it in his name.

The first fire chief had a positive impact on this community, Township Manager Chip Snider said.

"He was a man of reason and integrity who practiced his profession with a deep sense of honor," he said. "He was chief during some financial hardships. He was able to provide the level of fire protection commensurate with the quality of the community."

Reflecting on his service alongside Toms, Zhmendak similarly complimented the first chief's enterprise. He smiled as he recalled the first firefighters repairing old firetrucks, locating surplus equipment and refitting army vehicles under Toms' tutelage.

"If there was a deal out there that was going to be a benefit to the community, he would find it," Zhmendak said. "I think he would be proud of how far his original department has come."

Chief was the only full-time department position in 1977. At the time, there were 24 volunteer firefighters. Today, 15 full-time firefighters provide 24-hour township protection for nearly 25,000 residents.

Robert Harold Toms was born to Harry Albert Toms and Patricia Ellen Moriarity on Jan. 21, 1927 in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Navy as a gunner's mate third-class on the U.S.S. Riely 579 from July 25, 1944 to June 11, 1946.

The memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 739 W. Erie Street in Chandler at 10 a.m. today.

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Two new officers join township police

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Township Police department welcomed two new officers to its force in late June.

Officers Michele Splan and Christopher Cox underwent a department orientation session and are now completing an estimated 15-week period of field training.

Splan and Cox were sworn in by Township clerk, Sue Hillebrand.

Northville Township police chief John Werth said after each new officer completes the field training requirement, he or she is then certified for solo patrol and will serve a probationary period.

Werth said he is looking forward to having the two new officers be a part of the department.

"They're continuing with the character of officers we've been

looking for," he said. "I think they're two fine additions. We want to hire quality and we're getting them."

Splan, a Northville High School alumna and resident of Northville Township, said she is looking forward to in a Ofc. town so famil-Michele Splan iar to her.

"I've always liked the area," she said. "I knew the people. I've heard good things about the department."

Splan attended Eastern Michigan University and graduated with a bachelor of science degree, with minors in Education, Law Enforcement Tactics and Military Science. In addition, she

joined the ROTC program and furthered her professional abilities.

After considering becoming a teacher, Splan ultimately opted to pursue police work.

"I've always like the law enforcement aspect...and having an office with four windows," she said.

Her colleague, Cox, graduated from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills and also attended Eastern Michigan University. According to police officials, Cox graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

He resides in Farmington with his wife, Dawn.

"I'm looking forward to being part of the department," said Cox.

After serving a three-year period in the U.S. Navy, Cox attended the Detroit Police Academy and was hired by the Wayne State Police Department.

Cox said the locale and size of the Northville Township Police department was ideal for him.

"I grew up in the area and I know the area real well," he said.

Werth lauded the caliber of the new officers and the collaborative efforts of the department's Human Resources division.

"I'm really happy with the hiring process," he said.

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ALIVE AND KICKING

Northville finds three players named to All-Area Soccer Dream Team

By Sam Eggleston
and Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITERS

Soccer, soccer and more soccer. What's not to love about this game? Here at HomeTown Newspapers, we have a slew of talented players to select the best-of-the-best from.

This year, Northville made the most noise out of all of our teams, and that had a lot to do with our Player of the Year.

We were quick to recognize some of the best talent that has ever been part of our All-Area squads, and are proud to announce the best of the 2003 season.

Nicole Cauzillo Northville Senior

This senior midfielder was not only selected as the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Michigan and third-team All-State, but she also inked her name to a scholarship to play for the University of West Virginia. A tough little cookie and a multi-sport athlete, Cauzillo was easily one of the most recognizable players on the Northville Mustangs squad this season.

A capable leader both on and off the field, Cauzillo has shown time and time again that there's no substitute for a combination of ability and determination. Quite simply, this girl hates to lose. She's a quick-footed player with the ability to roll from the offensive attack to the defensive parry in just a matter of moments.

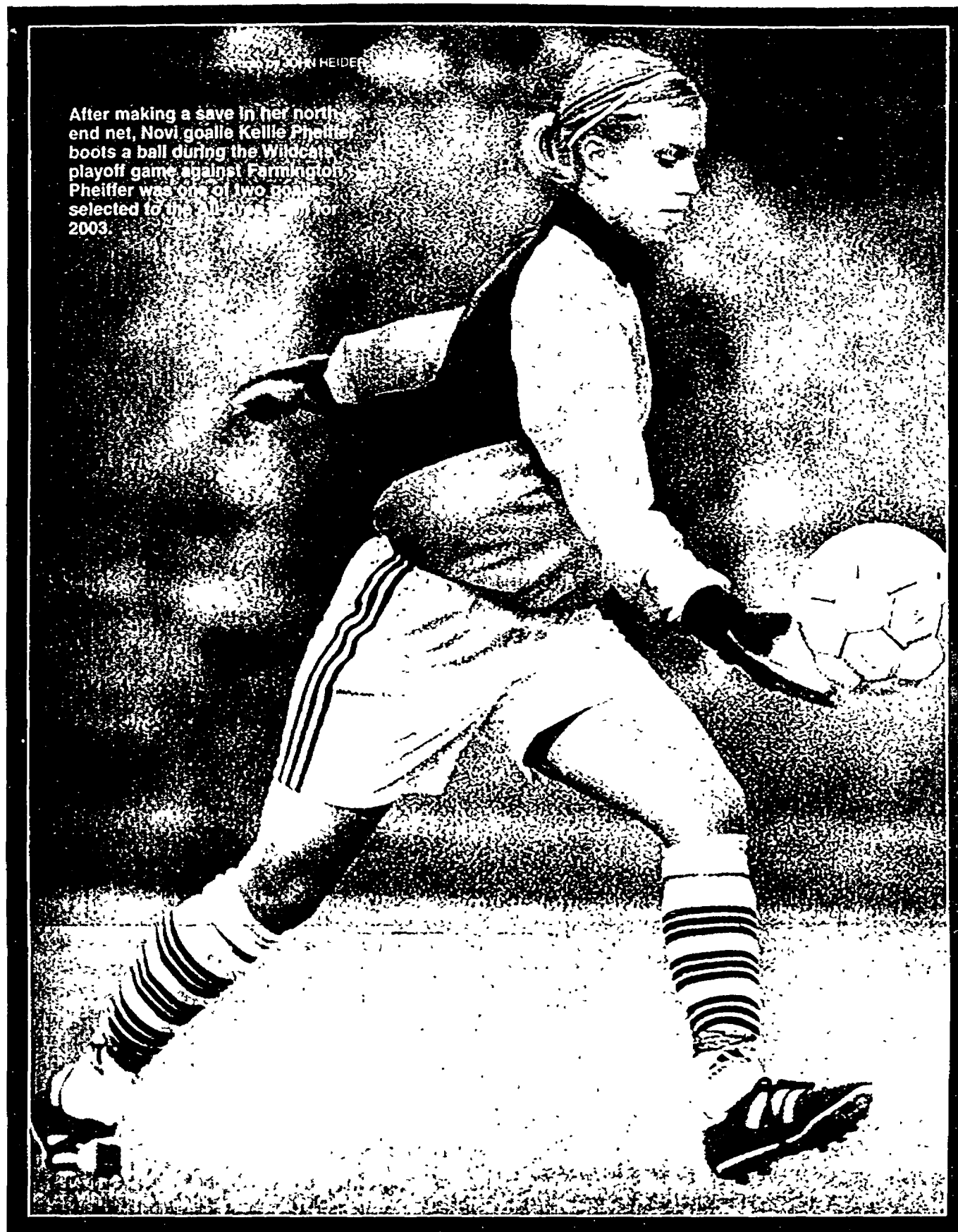
There was no doubt in our minds that Cauzillo was a shoe-in for a slot on our 2003 All-Area Soccer Dream Team. And, there's no doubt in our minds that we'll be missing her come next year too.

Nikki Hermann Novi Junior

Though Hermann only collected five goals and 12 assists this year, she's a no-brainer for our All-Area Dream Team selections. Her numbers were greatly reduced this season due to an injury that found her missing five games and being very limited in production for numerous others.

Her totals have raised her career statistics to 52 goals and 51 assists with a full year of play still ahead of her in her senior season.

Hermann was a major factor in the success of the Wildcats



After making a save in her north end net, Novi goalie Kellie Pheiffer boots a ball during the Wildcats' playoff game against Farmington. Pheiffer was one of two players selected to the All-Area team for 2003.

this season as she was not only an inspirational leader when on the field, but a motivation for

Novi while off it as well.

We're happy to say that she's a big part of our All-Area squad

and all that we would expect it would be able to accomplish.

Whitney Guenther
Northville Junior

This Northville junior has her-

self plenty to ponder as she prepares herself for next season. The first quandary is probably of where she will go after her senior year — and since she's had offers from colleges like the University of Texas to come and play for them already, her selection range could be quite large. This year, Guenther was an All-District, All-Regional, All-WLAA player and now an All-Area member as well. She played back sweeper for the Mustangs and still managed to earn four goals and three assists. Those goals came off of some mean corner kicks by Guenther, who has the knack for putting quite the mean curve on them. We're happy to have such an up-and-coming player on our All-Area team, and expect she'll be in the running come her senior year as well.

Loren Tacconelli Northville Junior

Though many readers may not be aware of it, there was a chance Tacconelli wasn't going to be a Mustangs this year and far from being in our coverage area. This All-District, All-Division selection moved from California with her family her sophomore year to make a lasting impression on the Northville team before finding out that she would have to move back out to her original stomping grounds after the season ended. Lucky for us, things worked out to find Tacconelli and her family back in Northville in time to put her back in the familiar black and orange we like to see her sporting. As a marking defender, Tacconelli managed to score two goals from her position and is already being touted as one of the top-returning players to Northville come next year. We hope to see her fulfilling those expectations, and hopefully returning as a member of our team as well.

Katie Ales Novi Senior

An honorable-mention All-State selection, Ales will be continuing her play on the soccer fields at the next level as she has taken an offer to be a Grand Valley State Laker. This quick-footed senior was a four-year starter for the Novi Wildcats and a captain during 2003 — a year that found the Novi squad winning the Kensington Valley

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Scherer named as Player of the Year for '03

By Sam Eggleston
and Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITERS

The first thing that many readers will probably notice about the 2003 All-Area Golf Dream Team is that there aren't a whole lot of seniors named to the list. Pretty much what that means is that we have a whole slew of players that will be contending to be the top linksters on their squads come next year. Hopefully, each and every one of them will be in contention to be on the All-Area squad in 2004 as well.

Andrea Fillipps Northville Junior

Now this girl can hit the long ball. One of the most powerful hitters we've ever seen at this level, Fillipps has no trouble whatsoever getting to the green in just a couple strokes. Quite often, you can find her on the verge of a birdie thanks to her incredible swing. A tough competitor, Fillipps lets everyone know by her play alone that she hits the links with just one intention: Winning. We expect that not only is she on the links right now, but she's probably improving her game for next season while she's at it. Fillipps had some impressive showings in 2003 and was medalist five times for the Northville Mustangs, and collected a 44.27 average this year. A solid leader even as a junior, Fillipps is a great indication of the bright future of Northville Mustangs golf come

next spring. Her ability and dedication to the game make her a great example for all underclassmen to look to. We had no doubt when it came to selecting this power-hitter to the All-Area squad for 2003, and we have an inkling that she'll be in contention for the list come 2004 as well.

Therese Juthage Northville Sophomore

Though you'd never guess it, this fairly reserved golfer can tear the heck out of the ball on her way to turning in some impressive scores. One of the top players both last year and this year for Northville, Juthage shows that the future is bright for the Mustangs. Collecting a 45.86 average on the year, Juthage found herself competing at the varsity level as much as, if not more than, her fellow teammates that were her elders. Her solid stroke and ability to play the green made her a tough opponent in 2003, and we fully expect that she'll be back in form come next year too. It's always nice to name underclassmen to the All-Area Dream Team because players like Juthage let us know our golf teams come next year will give us plenty to write about.

Sara Goodman Novi Senior

A top-shelf player that helped lead the Wildcats to a strong finish this season, Goodman has been a staple for Novi golf for a couple of years. Her ability to

play strong over 18 holes made her one of the most valuable players on the team, and combine that with Goodman's strong finish towards the decline of the season and you have one heck of a golfer. Goodman is the kind of player that may turn in numbers in the mid-50s during a nine-hole meet, but a coach can always expect her strokes to be in the low 90s in the bigger tournaments. This year, Goodman recorded a 91 at the Post-KVC tournament to help her squad to one of their best finishes, and she helped inspire her teammates to play to their best as well.

Jessica Chudy Novi Senior

Chudy had the joy of not only being one of the top performers for the Novi Wildcats this season, but also to finish up her golfing career with her little sister, Jackie, on the team with her. This year, Chudy was one of the most reliable golfers around, turning in consistent scores that found her season average for nine-holes rounding out to a 52.4. This year, Chudy recorded a 98 at the Post-KVC tournament to help the Novi squad along, and her steady play throughout the season helped make her a strong leader in a promising year of golf for the Wildcats. We're happy to have a player like Chudy on the All-Area squad. Her determination and dedication are something everyone can look to for guidance.

Adrienne Downing South Lyon Freshman

In addition to possessing a top flight golf game, South Lyon's Adrienne Downing has a distinct advantage: the Lions' home course, Downing Farms, is owned by her grandparents, making it a relative backyard to the ace golfer. As a rookie, Downing proved the epitome of consistency; her scores ranging between 44 and 48 for all but one match during the season. Downing averaged a 47 in 9-hole matches. For her efforts, Downing was named team MVP and was a first team All-KVC selection.

AnnMarie Jasieniecki Milford Senior

During her senior campaign, the Mavericks' AnnMarie Jasieniecki capped an illustrious career by being named first team All-KVC for the third consecutive season. Jasieniecki averaged this season a 44 in 9-hole matches and an 89 in 18-hole matches. By shooting an 83, Jasieniecki was the match medalist at this year's post-KVC tournament. She also placed fifth in the Oakland County tournament for the second consecutive season. Jasieniecki plans to golf collegiately at Albion College.

Melissa Mihalic South Lyon Sophomore

Melissa Mihalic started slowly this season, before eventually becoming a steady force for the Lions. Her success began when she shot a 90 at the pre-KVC

tournament and concluded with an 87 at the post-KVC meet. In between, Mihalic broke 50 on three of four attempts in 9-hole competition. Mihalic was a first team All-KVC selection following the season.

Lindsay Pipkin Lakeland Sophomore

Lakeland's Lindsay Pipkin culminated a stellar sophomore campaign with an appearance at the state meet. Pipkin qualified for the big show by finishing fourth at the regional meet. A first team All-KVC selection, Pipkin was this season's conference champion. Her best round was a 41 and her 9-hole season average was 45.3. She shot a 18-hole career best 84 at the pre-KVC meet.

Emily Tucker Lakeland Sophomore

With a 9-hole average of 47, Lakeland sophomore Emily Tucker earned second team All-KVC honors. Recognized as one of the premier long-hitters in the KVC — she consistently drives better than 200 yards — Tucker shot a 9-hole career best 43 in leading the Eagles to victory over Howell.

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Layne Scherer

Golf and Scherer go hand in hand like peanut butter and jelly. Not only was she recognized as one of the most talented players in the state with a second-team All-State nod, she was also the top player for the Mustangs throughout their incredible season that found them finishing seventh in the state for Division I competition. Scherer has a good knowledge of the game, and has an ability to improve throughout the course. It can always be expected that she'll come through as the going gets tougher. Scherer was medalist five times for the Mustangs, and was the top player for Northville in the conference, regional and state competitions. Her 43.43 average over nine holes this season showed that she is a player to contend with.

A good leader on and off the links, Scherer has proven to be a great asset for the Northville golf program. Her scores are quite often the team low, and being the medalist of a match is just something she's become accustomed.

Northville gets three on All-Area squad

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Conference Championship, the District Title and defeating Brighton for the first time ever in school history. The Wildcat defense drew a lot of their energy from this senior and went on to allow only 14 goals in 20 games under her leadership.

Danielle Ciotti Milford Senior

Forward Danielle Ciotti was the Mavericks' Offensive MVP, leading the team in both goals scored (six) and total points (10). According to coach Marty Neighbors, Ciotti's success came despite her playing as a "marked woman" by opposing teams. A three-year starter at Milford, Ciotti capped her senior campaign by earning first team All-KVC honors for the second consecutive season.

Amanda Girkin South Lyon Junior

South Lyon forward Amanda Girkin finished tied with Chelsey Golightly for the team lead with 12 goals scored. Her

14 total points were third highest on the Lions, earning her co-offensive MVP honors. After her junior campaign, Girkin was a first team All-KVC and All-District selection.

Chelsey Golightly South Lyon Senior

Chelsey Golightly's last name is contrary to her style of play. Indeed, the midfielder's blazing speed and savvy footwork were not taken lightly by opponents, who watched Golightly rack up 12 goals and four assists during the season. Following her senior campaign, Golightly was named MVP of the 8-6-5 Lions. She also earned first team All-KVC, All-District and All-Region honors, as well as All-State honorable mention.

Brianne Roelfs Lakeland Junior

The Eagles sweeper was named team MVP and earned first team All-KVC honors following her junior campaign.

GOALIES

Kelli Pfeiffer Novi Senior

For us, goalie was one of the hardest choices to make this year. With strong performances across the board from the girls that play this position, we had to sit back and make some tough decisions. As a senior on a tough Novi squad this year, Pfeiffer was not only a captain for the Wildcats but also a major factor in their victories. Earning nine shutouts on the year and having only a 0.83 goals-against average, Pfeiffer showed exactly what it took to help her squad make a run in the post season. Her play against the Northville Mustangs and Farmington Falcons in the districts helped her squad take home that title, and her play against the Canton Chiefs in the Regional tournament helped the 'Cats stay in contention throughout the game. Her ability and determination between the posts helped her become one of our top players on the 2003 All-Area Dream Team.

Karen Marcotte South Lyon Sophomore

South Lyon played 19 games this season. In eight of those contests, a mere goal would have been plenty for a Lions victory; made possible due to the prowess of netminder Karen Marcotte, who posted eight shutouts in goal. Marcotte saved 88 percent of the shots on goal and allowed an average of only 1.5 goals per game. After a stellar sophomore campaign, Marcotte was named the Lions' Defensive MVP. She also earned first team All-KVC, All-District and All-Region honors, as well as All-State honorable mention.

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There is little question that this Novi Wildcat is the most valuable player in our coverage area. In fact, in our opinion, she may be one of the most valuable players in the state. Pawlak earned the first-team All-State nod as she collected 30 goals and 18 assists this season. Those numbers have helped to boost her career totals to 99 goals and 55 assists. Her 99 goals puts her at the 12th-best in the history of Michigan, which still has room to grow with another season ahead of her. This Wildcat kicker has already accepted a scholarship to play at Michigan State University — which will find her still wearing the green and white she's become so fond of through her high school career. We are proud to select such a talented and recognized individual as our Player of the Year and hope that, come next year, she'll be in the running once again.

Pawlak has the talent and determination to not only lead her squads to victory, but to change the entire course of a game. Her quick first-step make her tough to keep up with, and her foot work helps stop opponents in their tracks. It's not uncommon to see her take a shot on goal and then be down on defense winning a 50-50 ball just moments later. It's not every day we come across a player like Pawlak, and we don't hesitate to give her the All-Area nod when we do.



Maureen Pawlak

Two 'Stang flights named to '03 Dream Team

By Sam Eggleston
and Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITERS

One of the toughest things to do is break down a team into individuals and figure out just who it is that ranks as the best of the best. For the game of tennis, it's practically done for us in the form of flights when teams follow the rules. Selecting the 2003 All-Area Tennis Dream Team wasn't something that just flew by like in years past. Instead, we had some highly qualified players on each and every team. It's not easy to leave some behind, but those are the choices that have to be made when it comes to deciding who is the best.

SINGLES

It takes a lot of hard work and determination to succeed in the singles flights in both the Kensington Valley Conference and the Western Lakes Activities Association. There's always a need for speed, dedication and a desire to win in order to rise above the rest, and our singles selections have been able to do just that this year.

Steve Chaing Novi Junior

There's plenty to like about a player like Novi's Chaing. This quick-footed and determined player makes sure that he uses the entire court to his advantage throughout a contest. He's quick to come off any volley sent by his opponent, and even quicker to take advantage of his opponent's weaknesses. Chaing is one of the returning Wildcats for next season and will no doubt make up part of the solid core of Novi netters who will be looking to return the Wildcats to the top of the Kensington Valley Conference hill. And, everyone can be sure, Chaing will be instrumental in the 'Cats hopes of making it to the state finals for a second-straight year.

Brett Hawthorne Milford Junior

Hawthorne finished the season 8 and 4 overall and 6 and 1 in the KVC. A right-hander, Hawthorne advanced all the way to the championship round of the second flight at this season's KVC tournament. Said Mavericks head coach Rich Kynast: "Brett worked on his game during the off-season and it showed. His strokes were much more refined from the year before and he just made tremendous improvements to every facet of his game."

Andrew Laskowski Novi senior

Laskowski is the kind of player that isn't afraid to show what he's made of — and that's one of the first things that caught Novi coach Jim Hanson's eye four years ago when he selected the now graduated 'Cat to play on the varsity squad as a freshman. The experience was invaluable to Laskowski, who went on to show it with a 21-4 personal record this year and a fourth-seed in the state finals. Laskowski is very quick on his feet, and a player that knows the ins and outs of the game. He can find a way to earn the tough points, and lays on the pressure as soon as he gets the lead. Laskowski was an integral part of Novi's run for the KVC title this year as well as their first-ever trip to the state finals.

Adam O'Donnell Northville Senior

Not only did this Mustangs senior earn himself a 16-7 mark on the season playing against some of the best competition the Western Lakes Activities Association has to offer, he did so with a smile on his face. A motivator for all Mustangs to draw



Brian Schubert

Schubert successfully defended his Kensington Valley Conference championship and for the second consecutive season was selected a first team All-State tennis whiz.

Also for the second consecutive campaign, Schubert finished runner-up at the regional meet and advanced to the quarterfinals at the state meet.

A right-hander, Schubert possesses exceptional quickness and a nasty backhand.

"He has tremendous balance and footwork and very strong groundstrokes," Kynast says. "He might miss one or two with his forehand, but he's going to blast about 20 winners by you in the process."

"And his backhand just flat-out does not miss. If you approach to his backhand like you've been taught, you're just going to watch the ball go past you."

energy from. O'Donnell is the kind of player every coach wishes they had. He leads on and off the court, and rallies his squad to put forth their best effort possible. It was no wonder he earned himself the Most Valuable Player award for Northville this year, and it's no doubt that he'll be sorely missed on his squad come next year.

Suraj Ramachandran Novi Junior

Taking on the best is never easy, but that was the task that fell to Ramachandran each and every match that he and the Wildcats played. Ramachandran, quite simply, is the best tennis player on the Novi squad and one of the best in the area. His quick reflexes and strategy on the court make him a tough opponent to take on, while his ability to keep his own opponents on their heels makes him one of the more frightening prospects to play. Ramachandran will be returning next year to help lead Jim Hanson's Wildcat tennis team to what hopes to be another season of success. With his determination and ability to lead by example, there's no doubt he'll be stepping into the role as a player to look to for guidance and, of course, a well-played match.

Brian Sarkella South Lyon Senior

Sarkella finished his high school career with a total of seven varsity letters, four of which were earned playing tennis. A co-captain, Sarkella won his second consecutive team MVP award this season. Although at 4 and 10 his record didn't sparkle, Sarkella had the distinction of taking the court against the No. 1 singles player of each Lions opponent this season. South Lyon went winless in conference play this season, but Sarkella, the team's lone senior, said the future is bright for the program.

"They're going to have a very good program in the next few years," he said.

DOUBLES

There's a lot to be said about people who can take a normally individual sport and turn it into team competition. Each and every member of our doubles flights have that ability, and it's an understatement to

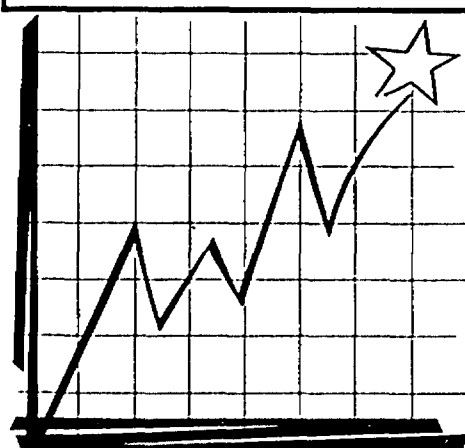
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Mustang Adam O'Donnell serves before a match last Monday evening. O'Donnell was recently named to the 2003 All-Area Tennis Dream team at the two singles flight.

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Northville has two flights named to All-Area squad

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just say they work well with others. At times, it's hard to separate who is who in the doubles matches, as each player works so well with his partner that they seem almost like one player out there on the court.

Novi's Joe Lynch (Senior) and Chris Kovacinski (Junior). Let's just say that this wasn't such a bad year for this one doubles squad from Novi. Though the season started out a little rough with the line-ups being swapped around until the Wildcats found the right recipe for victory, it all turned out just fine. Lynch joined the one doubles flight nearly halfway through the season and took his first loss in the state finals for a 23-1 record his senior year. A four-year player on the varsity squad, Lynch was invaluable in the run for the KVC title and into the state finals. Kovacinski is the kind of player that learns when he needs to, and now he's well aware of what it will take to make the return trip to

the finals come '04. No doubt, he'll be looking to gain a partner with the same drive and determination when he returns as a key role-player for Novi next year.

Northville's Colin Ackerman (Junior) and Jeremy Reisman (Junior)

All the hard work and determination paid off for this two doubles squad as they not only pushed themselves to learn from their mistakes and those of others, but pushed themselves to be one of the best flights in the area. It all worked out, as Ackerman and Reisman, both who will be back for Northville next year, earned the Regional Championship for their flight against teams like Detroit Catholic Central. Ackerman earned the Most-Improved Player award from his peers and combined with his determination and that of Reisman, it will be no surprise if they repeat their performance come next year.

Novi's Richie Fettes (Junior) and James Peurach (Junior)

This doubles team was part of a tough Novi team that not only managed to earn their second-straight Kensington Valley Conference crown, but also take a trip to Midland for their first-ever state finals tournament. Fettes and Peurach are both well known in the conference as a doubles team that not only is tough to play, but tough to beat as well. They combine their strengths and make up for each other's weaknesses with ease, and have stepped into the role of a true doubles team with no transition difficulties. With both of these top-shelf players returning to the Novi line-up next year, it will be interesting to see if Jim Hanson keeps them together to continue playing as strong as they have been, or separates them to spread the wealth and help others with their guidance. Whichever scenario plays out, we're sure these two will be making some noise not only in the KVC, but hopefully beyond.

Cubs earn Northville Intermediate Softball crown

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The Northville Cubs are the Northville Intermediate girls' softball team champion, with a winning record and no losses in the playoffs. The team includes, from left to right: Back Row: Coaches Keith Castrodale, Eric Bally, Terry Haverkate, Joe Nuyen; Middle Row: Lisa Haverkate, Gabrielle Castrodale, Carly Goldberg, Nicole Bailey, Robyn Baldas, Julia Petty, Kristen Nuyen, Johanna Poterala, Allyson Varley; Bottom Row: Natalie Casey, Leah Hastedt, Genna Guibord, Jullanna Celski and Josie VanLoosen.



Northville United Win League and Tournament

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The U13 United won the Western Suburban Soccer League Division I title and won the White Division of the Canton Cup. The team, from left to right, includes: Front row: Anna Hardenbergh, Mehan Kanya, Stephanie Hudolin, Anita Foss, Natalie Peterson, Julie Wesolowicz; Second Row: Hillary Weaver, Mary Enderle, Andrea Patrick, Lacey Scott, Emily Hopcian, Kristen Nuyen, Marissa Rotellini, Lydia Blair, Julia Peters, Chelsea Dennis; Standing: Coach Mike Weaver. Not Pictured: Hannah Gill.



SPORTS SHORTS

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All camps run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for ages 7-17 years old. Professional players and college coaches will instruct kids in the proper techniques of pitching, hitting and fielding. Kids will also be clocked on a radar gun for arm speed. Rainouts will be held at Total Soccer in Wixom's indoor facility.

The camps cost \$135 per player. For more information, please call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com. For more details or to register online, visit www.total-baseball.com or www.total-softball.com.

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Space is limited. For more information, or to register, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com. Please visit their Web site at www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

Junior Golf Clinics

Tanglewood Golf Club and head instructor/PGA professional Tom Shaw are hosting the 2003 Tanglewood Junior Clinic this summer. The clinic is open to children ages 7-13 and consists of four three-hour classes.

The clinics will be held on the

following dates:

• Clinic 3: July 23, 25, and 30 from 9 a.m.-noon and August 1 from 8-11 a.m.

The price of each clinic is \$130 per person with the price including lessons, lunch, trophies and a souvenir. Each clinic is limited to 26 kids, so call (248) 486-3355, ext. 26 and ask for Tom Shaw to register or to get more information.

Golf Lessons Available

Looking to improve that swing? Tanglewood Golf Club is offering individual and group lessons by PGA Certified instructors for private lessons.

Call (248) 486-3355 and ask for Brad, Larry or Tom.

Searching for records

Novi High School is currently looking for any information regarding a possible record for a single game, single season or a career dating back to the opening of the school.

Records can be proven with old newspaper articles, end-of-season reports or scorebooks as documentation.

Anyone with this information should contact the high school via mail by sending the documentation to: Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi.

Michigan 48375, Attn: Julie Fissette, Athletic Records.

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CREAMY CHEESECAKE

1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
3 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs
2 lbs. cream cheese
1-1/4 cups sugar
4 large eggs, room temperature
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/4 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup sour cream
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Line bottom of 9-inch springform pan with foil. Assemble pan and then pull excess foil up around the side of the pan. Brush bottom and sides of pan with butter. Sprinkle crumbs over bottom. Tilt pan in all directions to coat evenly with crumbs. Cover pan underneath and along side with sheet of heavy-duty foil and set in large roasting pan. Bring kettle of water to boil for water bath.

Meanwhile, beat cream cheese in bowl of electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add sugar and beat on medium speed until sugar dissolves, about 3 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until just incorporated and scraping down after each addition. (If you don't scrape down the bowl after each egg, cream cheese that sticks to the bowl will show up ultimately as lumps in the batter.)

Add zest and vanilla and beat until just incorporated. Remove bowl from mixer; stir in cream and sour cream.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Set roasting pan on oven rack and pour in enough boiling water to come about halfway up side of springform pan. Bake until perimeter of cake is set but center jiggles like Jell-O when pan is tapped, 55 to 60 minutes. Turn off heat and leave oven door ajar for 1 hour longer. Remove springform pan from water bath and set on wire rack; cool to room temperature. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 4 hours. Serves 12-16.

Variations: For a cheesecake that is lighter and airier, follow directions but separate eggs. Add yolks, rather than whole eggs, at instructed time. Continue with recipe, stirring in cream and sour cream. Beat egg whites to soft peaks. Fold whites into batter, pour into prepared pan and bake, reducing cooking time to 45 to 50 minutes. For a denser and firmer cheesecake, follow recipe for Creamy Cheesecake but disregard directions for the water bath. Bake cake at 500 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 200 (leave oven door open until temperature reduces). Bake until cheesecake perimeter is set but center jiggles when pan is tapped, about 1 hour longer. Continue with cooling instructions in basic cake.

Source: "The Best Recipe" by the editors of Cook's Illustrated

CHEESECAKE BARS

1/3 cup butter
1/3 cup dark brown sugar, packed
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese
1 large egg
2 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cream butter and brown sugar in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Add the flour and the nuts; blend until the mixture resembles crumbs and set aside 3/4 cup. Press the remaining mixture into the bottom of an 8-inch square pan. Bake for 15 minutes.

Combine the sugar and cream cheese in a medium bowl; beat until smooth. Add egg, milk, lemon juice and vanilla, beating well. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the baked crust. Sprinkle reserved crumbs over top. Bake for 35 minutes. Cool for at least 1 hour in the refrigerator before cutting into bars.

Source: "The Church Ladies' Divine Desserts," by Brenda Rhodes Miller, who describes these as "all the flavor of cheesecake in a bar cookie."

MINDY'S RICOTTA CHEESECAKE

Softened butter or shortening for greasing the pan
1 package (18.25 ounces) plain white cake mix
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted
4 large eggs
2 cups ricotta cheese
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
2 tablespoons Marsala or medium sweet sherry
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup sliced almonds

Place a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease a 13-by-9-inch pan with butter or shortening. Set aside.

Measure 1/2 cup of the cake mix and set aside for the filling. Place the remaining cake mix, the melted butter and 1 egg in a large mixing bowl. Blend with an electric mixer on low speed for 2 minutes. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. The batter should come together in a ball. With your fingertips, pat the batter evenly over the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of the prepared pan, smoothing it out with your fingers until the top is smooth. Set the pan aside.

For the filling, place the ricotta cheese and the sweetened condensed milk in the same mixing bowl that was used to make the crust and with the same beaters (no need to clean) blend with an electric mixer on low speed until just combined, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Stop the machine and add the reserved cake mix, the remaining 3 eggs, the Marsala or sherry, and vanilla and almond extracts. Beat on medium speed for 1 minute. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Fold in the golden raisins.

Pour the filling into the crust and spread with a rubber spatula so the filling covers the entire surface and reaches the sides of the pan. Sprinkle the top with almonds. Place pan in oven. Bake the cheesecake until the center no longer jiggles when you shake the pan and the almonds look toasted, 50 to 55 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and place it on a wire rack to cool about 30 minutes. Lightly cover the pan with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator to chill for at least 1 hour but preferably 24 hours. Cut into squares and serve.

Source: "The Cake Mix Doctor," by Anne Byrne



Cheesecake Corner owner Kevin Matthews' version of the ever popular Turtle Cheesecake.

CHEESECAKE

When you want something sinfully rich, your mouth says 'cheesecake'

Story By Christine Arpe Gang ■ Photo By Jim Weber ■ Scripps Howard News Service

Every bite of cheesecake is rich, sinful, sweet, guilt-producing and comforting.

We may not indulge in it often for those very reasons, but when we do, it's something to savor.

"I know it's fattening but I love it," said Angela Saulsberry as she pondered her choice among the 25 cakes of varying flavors at The Cheesecake Corner in Memphis.

Saulsberry decided on the white chocolate raspberry cake and her co-worker, Berna Manuel, selected Key lime.

Three pounds of cream cheese go into every one of Kevin Matthews' cheesecakes at the Cheesecake corner, along with the same ingredients home cooks use when making a cheesecake: whole eggs, sugar and vanilla.

He mixes every cake individually in a non-commercial Kitchen Aid mixer.

"I've made thousands of cheesecakes with this mixer," he said. "To make a good cheesecake you have to have patience. Each cake is homemade with its own identity. You can't rush it."

Matthews has about 100 cake flavors in his recipe repertoire and about 20 to 25 of them are available by the slice. Some of his unusual combinations include almond raspberry, chocolate banana, eggnog, mint almond swirl, peach pecan and imperial Bing cherry.

Caramel pecan is the customer favorite, followed by chocolate, white chocolate raspberry and Key lime, he said.

American cheesecakes tend to be one of two styles: the dense New York style made famous by Lindy's delicatessen in New York and the airier Italian types made with ricotta cheese and studded with raisins.

Crusts can be crushed graham cracker crumbs or cookies such as Oreos or vanilla wafers.

Jody Browder, co-owner of the Cheesecake Place in Cordova, Tenn., offers 15 to 20 flavors daily with the basic style being the most popular, followed by "Death by Chocolate," a cake with melted milk chocolate and

chocolate chips in the batter baked on an Oreo crust and topped with dark chocolate ganache.

"We're constantly changing flavors," Browder said. "In the summer we'll do more fruit flavors."

Instead of selling slices, Browder bakes individual servings in Texas-sized muffin pans. "When we slice a cake it dries out," he said. "This way customers get special little cakes just for them."

He's also done stacked wedding and groom cakes.

Barry Abramson, owner of the Eden Cafe in Collierville, Tenn., is another cheesecake specialist.

"I just wanted to do one thing really well," Abramson said. He worked for six months perfecting his recipe, which he bakes into cakes of all sizes and depths.

"It's best to keep them simple using the finest ingredients and the right techniques," he said.

He describes his cakes as creamy and melt-in-your-mouth. "I always think the New York-style cheesecakes are gummy," he said. "I'd put mine up against anyone's."

Abramson has numerous flavors, including hazelnut cappuccino, Key lime and mocha brulee with a custard on the bottom.

He makes a sugar-free version sweetened with Splenda and a reduced-fat version with Neufchatel cottage and ricotta cheeses.

Both are good, he said, but not as good as traditional versions.

Cheesecakes, which require lots of expensive ingredients, are not cheap.

Whole cakes at The Cheesecake Corner are \$32.50; they are \$23.50 to \$28.50 at Cheesecake Place; Homemade Inc.'s 10-by-3-inch cakes are \$27.

You can buy frozen cheesecakes at places such as Sam's Club and Costco for about \$10.

What's the difference?

"Ours is fresh and baked right here in the store," Browder said. "You don't know how long the frozen ones have been at the store."

Keen tasters can detect stabilizers and gelatins in the frozen types, said Matthews.

While cheesecake is too rich for everyday fare, its appeal endures for special occasions.

"People love cream cheese and they love sweets," Abramson said. "I don't think there's a better combination when it's done right."

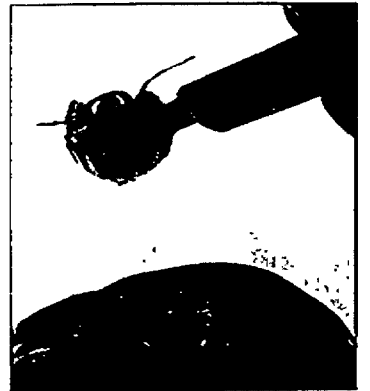


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Tiny teeth on this corer make it easy to remove stems.

Go ahead – play with your food

By Cecilia Nguyen
TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE

Tools that slice vegetables parchment-thin. A funky grater that more resembles a woodworking tool than a kitchen accessory.

And a digital meat thermometer that signals to the chef through a paging system that the roast has attained a perfect medium rare.

For many home cooks, kitchen gadgets and devices such as these are as important as the ingredients they use to create those delicious desserts or enticing entrees.

Whether a person is just learning or a longtime home chef, tools and gizmos make cooking easier and fun, say home cooks such as Marie Wenman.

"They're like toys for cooks," Wenman said as she browsed the shelves of a kitchen supply store in Gig Harbor, Wash. "I like to look at all of the new things out there."

Ron and Catherine Ruud, co-owners of Gourmet Essentials in Gig Harbor, credit celebrity chefs, talk shows and television networks dedicated to food for the consumer interest in culinary gadgets.

"As soon as it's on the Food Channel or Oprah, customers will come in looking for the same tool," Catherine Ruud said.

Bed Bath & Beyond, a national kitchen and housewares retailer, has a renowned gadget wall to display culinary tools from floor to ceiling, said Bari Fagin, a Bed Bath & Beyond spokeswoman. The gadget wall for cooks is what a candy store is for a child," Fagin said.

The more popular – and marketable – gadgets usually are inexpensive, streamline the cooking process and make cooking fun, Ron Ruud said. Items that are easy to use and cost less than \$10, such as garlic peelers, garlic presses and the tomato slicer, have been favorites among Gourmet Essentials' customers, he said.

"What turns out to be a person's favorite gadget is usually the one that you didn't think you needed until you saw it," Fagin said.

Jack Azizeh of Gig Harbor, who considers himself to be an amateur chef, said the garlic press is probably the most vital tool in his kitchen.

Catherine Ruud said she would need at least four tools: an instant-read thermometer, OXO potato peeler, microplane graters and a tomato corer.

Azizeh said he's always on the lookout for the latest and most popular kitchen tool. He reads food magazines. He watches cooking shows. He frequently scans the shelves of cooking supply stores to see what's out there.

"If (a tool) makes it easier or makes cooking more fun, then I like it," he said.

FINE LIVING

Cook up a reunion

Getting together with friends or relatives that you haven't seen for awhile can be a bit intimidating, as you never know who's changed, who hasn't and how people will react to new additions to the group.

In gatherings like this, it's often a good idea to get everyone involved in a common task, and as common tasks go there's nothing more social than cooking and eating a great dinner.

For centuries, people have been bonding over the breaking of bread, but participating in cooking a big communal meal can bring people even closer together.

As executive director of the Viking Culinary Arts Centers, Chan Patterson is responsible for overseeing the start-up of each of the high-end retail stores. Each of the centers features gourmet cookware and accessories, as well as cooking classes for the public.

A professionally trained chef, Patterson says making a big meal can be the perfect focus for a reunion.

A passion for food. If you love to cook and eat fine food, you might want to consider planning vacations, family gatherings or other important events around your culinary passion.

Reconnecting. Patterson believes cooking and hanging out in the kitchen is a great way to build a sense of community and bring everyone together. Cooking is a wonderful icebreaker, as there's no need to awkwardly search for conversation topics when everyone gets chatting about food.

Sharing recipes. If people are gathering from different parts of the country or world, it can be both fun and educational to share regional recipes. Someone from California might have a great idea for a chopped salad, for instance, while a friend or relative from the South might be a wiz at baking pecan pie or preparing Virginia ham.

Common goal equals common bond. Once everyone is in the kitchen, cooking side by side and bumping elbows, it puts the whole gang at ease because everyone is working toward the common goal of putting a great dinner on the table. And of course, the best part of all is sitting down and enjoying the fruits of the communal labor and getting reacquainted over a good meal.

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"Enter The Matrix" is an upcoming action-adventure game from publisher, Atari and developer, Shiny Entertainment.

Video games can be cash machines

By Kirk Baird
LAS VEGAS SUN

Hollywood's got game. After years of ignoring the booming video-game industry as a childish novelty, film studios have embraced video games, if for no other reason than financial.

The bottom line: The games make money. The video-game industry grossed \$10 billion in 2001 or, \$1.4 billion more than Hollywood earned that year, according to the Interactive Entertainment Merchants Association.

Eager to cash in, many studios are eagerly teaming with software companies to help bring the big screen to the small screen.

Some recent popular game titles include "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and "Star Wars: Bounty Hunter," with other movie-based games on the way, including "Tron 2.0," "Star Wars: Galaxies" and "Enter the Matrix."

The buzz for the latter is so strong, in fact, "Enter the Matrix" was treated to a Hollywood-type premiere, complete with stars from the upcoming movie sequels, who also filmed an additional hour of footage for the game.

So far the union between the entertainment formats has proven profitable.

"The Two Towers" game, available for every major game platform along with PCs, has sold more than 3 million copies. At roughly \$50 a game, that's a \$150 million gross or, nearly half of the film's total U.S. box-office take.

Neil Young, executive producer of "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," is neither surprised by the success of his game nor the attention given to other movie-based software.

"I think you have a generation of people who have grown up playing games," Young said. "It's as meaningful to them as books, movies and music."

While 20 years ago Hollywood thumbed its nose at games, today film directors and designers are often consulted by the game producers.

"We sort of built a relationship with the filmmakers in New Zealand before my arrival to some degree and a lot after my arrival on the project," Young said. "It's important to understand what the filmmakers are trying to do."

There are nearly seamless blends of film footage from both "Fellowship of the Ring" and "The Two Towers" incorporated into the game, which follows closely the film's plot.

Adding to the cinematic feel, hundreds of lines of dialogue were recorded by five of the film's main characters: Elijah Wood (Frodo), Ian McKellen (Gandalf), Viggo Mortensen (Aragorn), Orlando Bloom (Legolas) and John Rhys-Davies (Gimli).

Just because a game is attached to a film, however, doesn't guarantee its success. The video-game scrap heap is littered with failed movie-to-video game translations.

"I think in a lot of cases, what makes a really great movie does not make a great game and vice versa," cautioned Bob Picumleo, marketing director for Disney Interactive, makers of "Tron 2.0." "There are certain instances when they have crossed over and those are best opportunities, working with a film division to find those instances where we can cross over for a win-win."

The film "Tron" was released in 1982. While the movie did OK box-office numbers, \$33 million, its subsequent arcade and home-game versions were equally successful.

"When they produced the film ... it was state-of-the-art. They searched around for a computer that had the capabilities to do the effects and bring it all together," he said. "The basic processing power in a standard PC is bigger than the massive power they had in a mainframe. That will really show in the (new) game."

LucasArts, the software division of George Lucas' entertainment empire, has released nearly 60 games based on its two popular film franchises: "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones."

And now LucasArts is coming out with "Star Wars: Galaxies," its initial foray into massive multi-player online games (MMOG), first made popular by the PC role-playing classics "Ultima Online" and later "EverQuest."

More than three years in development, the "Star Wars" MMOG allows players to create a video alter-ego and interact with other "Galaxies" players and computer-controlled residents, including characters from the films, such as Han Solo and Luke Skywalker.



Online services click with area residents

Web-based sign-ups save cities money and users time

By Jennifer K. Morita
SACRAMENTO BEE

Last year, Roseville, Calif., parents who wanted to sign their kids up for summer swimming classes had to rise at dawn and stand in line for hours. Now, it's just a matter of a few clicks of the mouse.

In Davis, Calif., parks and recreation personnel used to watch mail-in registration cards pile up for weeks before tossing them into big tubs and randomly drawing the winners.

But after launching an online registration program, their recreation lottery is done by computers — and takes just seconds.

Cities are offering a growing number of online services, from booking tee times at golf courses to paying traffic tickets and utility bills and applying for simple building permits.

Residents and city officials are basking in the joys of e-government because, in addition to the convenience of taking care of business from home, the services bring thousands of dollars to city coffers with a minimal amount of staff effort.

"Everybody is going that way," said Tony Stanco, an expert on e-government at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Roseville's Parks and Recreation Department implemented online registration for a handful of classes about a year ago, according to director Mike Shellito. In February, the city added youth camps and the popular summer swimming lessons that served 5,400 kids last year.

The first day of registration, 600 of the 700 sign-ups were done over the Internet, Shellito said. "In one day, \$60,000 in revenue came into the city without anyone in our office ever having to handle it, because the money was immediately deposited," he said.

"We knew it would be successful, but the volume and overnight success was surprising. We thought people would ease into it, but really what people did was jump on it."

Now, roughly 80 percent of class registrations are done over the Internet, Shellito said.

"It was very expensive for our staff, very inconvenient and not very customer-friendly for our citizens," Shellito said. "So, to think about 2,400 registrations happening without anyone coming into the office in person, and still taking in that amount of money — it's a huge convenience for our residents and an enormous cost savings to our city."

For the city of Davis, online registration for recreation classes was the city's first foray into e-government, said Diane Medlock, an administrative analyst with the city's Parks and Community Services Department.

"Our first three days, we had 81 percent of registrations online. And during the first 24 hours that we had the recreation schedule posted on the Web, it was downloaded 2,449 times. So it's going great."

Many city officials say signing up for yoga online is just the beginning. Already, job seekers can apply for positions with the city of Roseville and submit résumés over the Internet. Residents can put books on hold at the library, schedule building inspections and sign up for conferences sponsored by the city.

Data shrink

Some soothing words for ones' computer mishaps

Story By David Lazurus/San Francisco Chronicle ■ Illustration by Mark Giarmo/SHNS

Kelly Chessin has one of the toughest jobs in the tech world. She's a professional punching bag.

Actually, Chessin is a crisis counselor, apparently the only one employed full time by a technology company anywhere in the country. She has a degree in psychology from San Francisco State University and spent several years working for a suicide hotline.

Now she deals with the emotional turmoil of computer meltdowns.

"People get upset — very, very upset," Chessin says. "They yell. They cry. They need someone to listen to them and let them vent. That's what I'm here for."

She works for DriveSavers, which specializes in recovering data from even the most devastated computer system, such as a laptop crushed beneath the wheel of a MacWorld shuttle bus or a PowerBook that spent two days at the bottom of the Amazon River (both true stories).

The Novato, Calif., company has performed emergency salvage operations for the likes of George Lucas, Bruce Willis and the makers of "The Simpsons." These are the go-to guys when ordinary PC repairs just won't cut it.

And they see a clear need for having a mental-health professional on staff.

"There's a whole range of emotions people go through when they lose data," says John Christopher, a DriveSavers engineer. "From anger to grief."

When the company receives a call from someone who's clearly lost it — which can happen several times an hour — Chessin comes on the line to help the caller rediscover their happy place. Then the engineer returns to discuss the

technical problem in detail.

Christopher says he often sees Chessin slipping out of the office between calls to blow off steam.

"It can be pretty stressful," he says. "It's easy for her to get wrapped up in people's lives. There's a lot riding on our ability to find solutions."

Chessin, 29, says her suicide hotline experience is invaluable in helping distraught computer users handle a data disaster.

"It's similar," she says. "But when people call a hotline, you need to help them find their own solutions. Now I can offer solutions to people's problems."

Another key difference: People who call a suicide hotline usually don't call back. That would be for one reason or another, of course. But people who seek help from DriveSavers do frequently call again to say thanks.

"That's really nice," Chessin says.

DriveSavers has 40 employees. The company handles about 1,000 cases a month, with the typical recovery job costing \$900. DriveSavers boasts a 90 percent success rate for bringing bytes back from the dead.

But first, customers need to chill out.

Chessin's technique is essentially unchanged from her hotline days. She keeps her voice even and listens patiently as the caller works out his or her issues.

"A crisis is a crisis is a crisis," Chessin says. "You've got to get the person calm and see what can be done to solve their problems."

"People get upset — very, very upset. They yell. They cry. They need someone to listen to them and let them vent. That's what I'm here for."

Kelly Chessin,
crisis counselor

Families are hitting the gas on vehicular video

By Vince Horiuchi
SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

You might say Robyn Goeller is a kind of road warrior, even though she's a mom who lugs her two girls around in a minivan.

Her fight is against boredom and a van full of kids who sometimes would rather argue than act nice.

Her weapons are a 7-inch video screen mounted in the ceiling of her Mazda minivan, a portable VCR and "Shrek." She'll never travel without them.

Mobile video — DVD or VCR decks mounted in vehicles — is finally giving soccer moms and country travelers something they never thought they could have on a road trip with kids — peace and quiet.

"It relieves so much stress on a trip," said Goeller, who lives in Sandy, Utah. "Driving can be such a hectic thing. With this, you know that your car can stay calm."

Goeller once traveled to Las Vegas with her family and was caught in traffic that stopped the van for more than an hour and a half.

"I was proud to say my nerves were not rattled because my girls were entertained in the back seat," she said. "It actually saved me a lot of stress. I wished they invented it 20 years ago."

And for her 13-year-old daughter, Alexx, watching comedies like "Blast from the Past" or "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" in the back seat is much better than "just sitting there and watching the trees go by."

With falling prices and consumers' affinity to the now-familiar DVD technology, car video decks "have been the largest-growing segment of mobile electronics in the last



Robyn Goeller of Sandy watches her children, Alexx, 13, left, and Jessica, 11, play a round of video games in the family's minivan.

two or three years," said Rick A. Mathies, executive director of the Mobile Enhancement Retailers Association, an Indianapolis-based consortium of car-stereo retailers.

The sales of mobile DVD systems increased 53 percent last November compared with November 2001, according to Mathies. The sales of video monitors for vehicles increased 57 percent.

While today's prices are far below the \$6,000-\$7,000 systems manufacturers introduced more than eight years ago, video players with monitors still average anywhere

from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Flat panel monitors, which usually are mounted in the middle of the ceiling or on the back of the headrests of the front bucket seats, alone can cost anywhere from \$200 for a 4-inch screen to \$1,200 for 15 inches.

The cost goes even higher with better screens featuring thin film transistors (TFT) for brighter viewing and with switches that allow passengers to do separate activities on different monitors (i.e., one watches a movie while the other plays a video game). The sound is piped to wireless infrared headphones.

For about \$2,000, motorists even can install motorized satellite dishes to get regular television reception through providers like Dish Network or DirecTV.

To combat lofty prices, some manufacturers sell removable DVD and VCR players with small, 5-inch screens that can be placed between the front seats, and some travelers even use their DVD-capable laptop computers. They can cost around \$300.

Cheryl Wright, associate professor in family and consumer studies at the University of Utah, says videos in the car can be a "mixed bag" and stresses that parents have to put limits on how much they use them.

"For long trips, it's perfectly appropriate. Developmentally, it's inappropriate for young children to sit still for long periods of time. In that regard, it's an effective tool," she said. "On the negative side is if it's actually permanently installed in the car because there might be the tendency to turn it on whenever you get into the car."

"It's so critical that parents regulate how much media exposure children have," she added.

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How to fight fire ants (and win)

By Cassandra Hinojosa

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

When Pam Hoy lived in Delaware, she never worried about getting attacked by fire ants. But that all changed when she moved to Texas.

"Up north you run around barefoot in the grass. Here, you just don't," says Hoy, who now contends with 10 fire ant mounds in her yard in Corpus Christi.

Since Hoy has lived in Texas, she's had some serious run-ins with the aggressive fire ants. The most alarming attack came when fire ants invaded her son Brandon's crib.

"I had put him down for nap in his crib," recalls Hoy. "It was awful. He had at least 20 bites on him. After that we watched everywhere for those nasty things."

Brandon, now 16, had a mild reaction. Most people who get stung experience itching, burning and white bumps at the site of the sting. Applying ice at the site or taking antihistamines is usually enough to relieve the pain.

About 1 to 6 percent of people stung by fire ants have severe reactions, according to the Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society. More people have died in Texas from fire ant stings than in any other state.

Symptoms that may require immediate medical attention include shortness of breath, thickening of the tongue, nausea, sweating, dizziness or chest pain.

Stacy Cole, manager of Orkin Pest Control in Corpus Christi, says fire ants like to make their homes on the edges of patios, walkways and sidewalks. They especially enjoy wide open spaces. "Fire ants prefer newer grounds," he says. "In older neighborhoods, fire ants just don't like the shade."

To kill fire ants, Cole recommends applying granular baits called Fiprinil and Amdro instead of liquids. Apply the product around the outside of the mound rather than on top of it.

"When they find the (bait), they will take it back to the mound and the queen will eventually die," he says.

Fire ants inhabit the eastern two-thirds of Texas and the southeastern portion of the United States, says Dr. Bart Drees, director of the Texas Fire Ant Research and Management Project at Texas A&M University in College Station. The pests originally came from South America through Mobile, Ala., in the 1930s and spread to other states. Controlling fire ants and the medical bills related to them costs Texans \$1.2 billion a year, Drees says.

Fire ants are extremely dangerous to young children and the elderly, he points out. "They don't realize they are in a hazardous situation until they get many stings – and it happens very quickly," he says.

Leon Little has seen fire ants attack and kill baby rabbits and calves at his barn in Flour Bluff, Texas.

Last summer Little was stung while working on farming equipment near fire ant mounds. In just seconds, the ants had crawled up his pant legs. "I had to come out of my britches to get them off of me," he recalls.

Water works

By Kathy Barberich

FRESNO BEE

If lawn mowers and cars were equipped with sensors that kept them from running over sprinklers, people would sleep better at night. If pipes didn't break and heads didn't clog, there would be no sprinkler nightmares.

"But everyone has to deal with damaged sprinklers," says Joe Sanchez, an irrigation specialist at California State University, Fresno.

The most common problem, he says, is a clogged head or nozzle. "It's also the easiest repair," he says. "A lot of times people will think the whole sprinkler is broken and has to be replaced. The first thing they should do is unscrew the top, flush it out with water and put it back on."

Also common is damaged or broken-off nozzles.

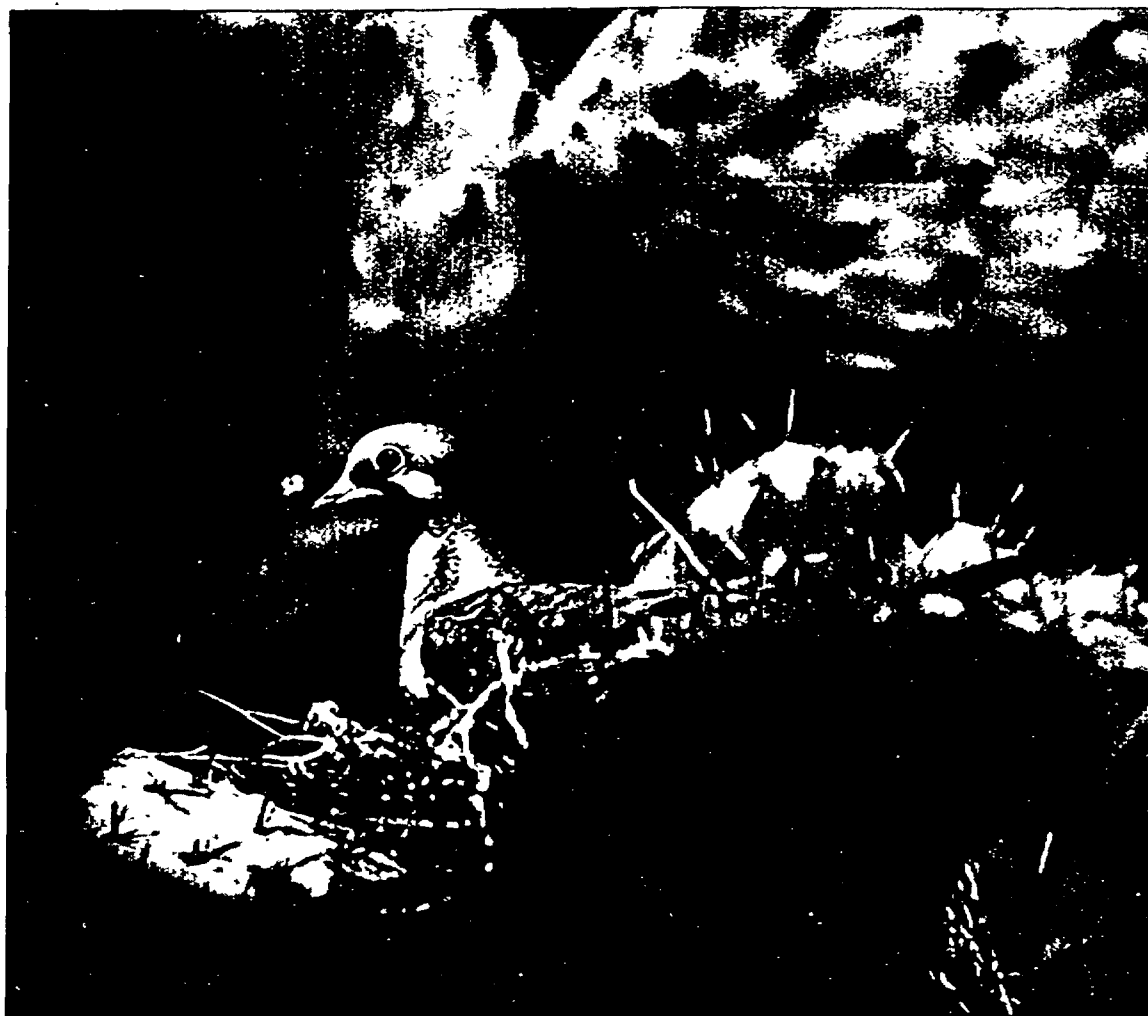
Before replacing anything, Sanchez says, flush out the sprinkler head. "If dirt has gotten in there while the nozzle is off, it still might not work right when you put the new nozzle on," he says.

Sanchez says to keep plenty of parts on hand. "Know what size your pipes are," he says. "You should have extra lengths of pipe, couplings, valves, PVC glue if you have PVC pipe, and sprinkler heads or nozzles. If some of your nozzles are high-rise for hard-to-reach places, have some of those. If you have shrub nozzles for lower places, have some of those."

"An irrigation saw or a hacksaw is handy for cutting pipe."

Most of all, Sanchez says, "Stay with the same sizes and brands. Don't try to mix them. You will probably have trouble."

Also important, says Sanchez: Know where your water shut-off valve is. "Hopefully, the shut-off valve is separate from the house shut-off valve so you won't be turning off the water to the house," he says. "If you have gushing water coming from a sprinkler, turn off the valve, then try to figure out what is wrong."



A dove sits in her nest in a large prickly pear cactus in the yard of Norman Klein in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Photos by Owen Brewer/Sacramento Bee

CACTUS HEAVEN

Spine-tingling adventures from the cactus garden

By Pat Rubin

SACRAMENTO BEE

Don't do anything dangerous in the garden while I'm gone, Norman Klein's wife admonished him before leaving on an out-of-town trip.

Dangerous? Gardening is supposed to be therapeutic, peaceful, occasionally strenuous – but surely not dangerous.

Klein's garden is the exception. The 65-year-old gardener should have heeded his wife's advice, because the next day he found himself flat on his back atop a large barrel cactus armed with 2-inch-long fishhook spines. Several were sticking in his backside. His left arm was stuck on a needle-sharp agave, and his right arm was caught on another cactus.

Klein had slipped as he was trying to weed some cactus planted in a raised bed along the back fence.

He couldn't get up. He was stuck. After a few minutes, he managed to tear himself off the cactus plants, taking dozens of spines with him. Bleeding and in pain, he hobbled next door, where his neighbor pulled cactus spines out of his backside, one painful prickle at a time.

A former oral and facial surgeon, Klein tends thousands of cactuses in his Rancho Cordova, Calif., yard. With common names such as "horse creeper," "fire barrel" and "Argentine toothpick," it's no wonder Klein

sometimes describes his pruning, tidying and planting chores as dangerous.

The name "cactus" comes from the Greek "kaktos," which means thistle. The spines protect the plants from browsing animals and make no distinction among humans, deer or rodents.

Now when he gardens, Klein carries a pair of tweezers in his pocket for removing bits of spines and thorns. His surgical skills have come in handy on several occasions, he said.

Spines aside, Klein has every inch of ground – save space for walkways, a stone patio and narrow gravel paths through the garden – brimming with opuntia, aloe, cereus, echinocactus, yucca and scores of other members of the Cactaceae family. Although he had no master plan when he started, his arrangement of shapes and colors and his placement of boulders and meandering paths show a keen eye for design and a flair for drama.

Golden barrel cactuses, one of his favorite varieties, are planted at intervals and tie the garden together.

Prickly pear – with flat, broad, blue or green paddles and golden, red or black spines – are planted along the back fence. With trunks 2 feet or more across, they give the garden an air of maturity. Hundreds more cactuses in pots and in the ground are arranged along walkways and around the patio. Not an inch of ground is wasted.

"I've got something nobody else has. If you understand the time and risk involved, you can have a garden like this," Klein said. "I've probably potted up, planted or dug up 50,000 cactus plants over the years, and I've gotten to be quite skilled at it."

Despite the dangers involved in working with an 800-pound prickly pear or a 500-pound barrel cactus, Klein wouldn't have it any other way. Cactuses are his passion. He spends hours in his garden watering, weeding, dividing and nurturing his collection.

And it shows: There's nary a weed nor a stray leaf, not a rock or bit of gravel out of place. He waters every three weeks, a job that takes about four hours. His hoses are trashed by the end of the season, Klein said, from catching on cactus spines. He fertilizes every six weeks with a water-soluble fertilizer.

"Even though it's time-consuming and physically demanding, it really isn't work at all," Klein said. "I love it."



Helen and Norman Klein in front yard of Rancho Cordova home in California.



Large echinocactus grusonii and small barrel cactus in Norman Klein's yard in Rancho Cordova.

Powder Power

A coating gives rusty lawn furniture a brand-new look

By Kathy Barberich

FRESNO BEE

Your yard furniture is looking a little rough around the edges. The paint is peeling and cracking. Rust is showing through.

This could be the year you shell out for new patio furniture. But, you wonder, how long will the furniture last before the paint starts chipping or the rust starts to show?

And, truth be known, you like your old wrought-iron furniture and the pair of metal garden chairs handed down from Grandma. Repainting is only a temporary fix; you're looking for something more permanent.

The answer may be in the small print of some patio furniture ads that proclaim, "Powder-coated for durability" as one of the selling points. It doesn't apply only to new furniture, says Don Weber, an owner of Cap's Sandblasting & Powder Coating in Fresno, Calif.

In fact, among the pipes, valves, motorcycle and automobile parts, frames and accessories freshly powder-coated is a variety of outdoor furniture given new life. At Cap's are chairs, metal plant stands, iron barbecue frames and wrought-iron patio tables, lounges and umbrella stands. Some folks even have their kitchen stand mixers powder-coated.

Powder-coating sometimes is referred to as dry painting. The tiny dry particles, which look and feel like powder, are applied in an electrostatic process. At Cap's, anything that will be powder-coated is first sandblasted to make sure it's clean.

After the powder is sprayed on in a booth, the item is baked in a large, walk-in oven until the powder melts and bonds to the surface. A garden chair will bake for about 45 minutes at 400 degrees and come out looking brand-new.

To ensure durability, workers at Cap's put items through the process twice. As soon as the item cools, it's ready to go. No wet paint to dry. No dust particles in the paint. No fingerprints. Powder-coated items will withstand extreme temperatures and won't rust.

Patio furniture and fencing are a big part of Don Brown's business at Visalia Powder Coating and Aluminizing in Fresno. He uses a three-step process for patio furniture that is going to coastal areas. He sandblasts the furniture, aluminizes it by spraying on a coat of hot aluminum material and then powder-coats it.

"The aluminizing will protect the furniture from the moist salt air," he says.

The added process also doubles the price of a typical powder-coating session.

"I love seeing people's faces when they come to get their furniture," he says. "They bring it in and ask us to make it look better. They can't believe what they see. It looks brand-new."

Powder paints come in a variety of colors. Most metal items can be powder-coated. Weber says items should be taken apart before being powder-coated for a better job. Screws or nuts and bolts will be placed on a board and powder-coated, too.

FINE LIVING

Choosing Flowers as a Gift

Whether you love giving gifts for no particular reason or want to buy something special for an important gift-giving occasion, floral arrangements are a wonderful and increasingly popular choice.

By following a few simple guidelines and learning some tricks of the trade, you can impress your friends, loved-ones or business associates with a spectacular gift of fresh cut flowers.

Preston Bailey, who runs a full-service special event and entertainment design firm, Preston Bailey Design Inc., offers expert advice on how to choose flowers for the perfect gift:

■ **Freshness:** Bailey says the most important thing to look for when selecting flowers is freshness. There are many ways to tell how recently flowers were cut. Tighter blossoms and greener leaves, for instance, are key evidence that the flowers are relatively fresh.

■ **Consider the occasion:** Select your arrangement based on the time of year, the occasion and your relationship to the person receiving the gift. A bouquet for a springtime birthday, for example, will likely have a different feel than an autumn wedding anniversary.

■ **For men:** Bailey believes the recipient's gender is another important consideration. For men, he suggests leaning towards reds and other dynamic colors.

■ **For women:** For women, on the other hand, you might want to stick to whites and summery colors.

■ **Presentation:** Bailey believes the key to a great presentation is abundance. You don't want to be sparing with flowers, he says, as three dozen roses are always more stunning than one dozen.

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LIVING LEDGE



By Linda Lange

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

"Rock climbing around here is fantastic. Pretty much in any direction you go, there's a ton of stuff," says climber Ryan O'Connor of Knoxville, Tenn.

The Obed Wild and Scenic River area, a National Park Service unit on the Cumberland Plateau, tops the list.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful area," says O'Connor. "The whole time you are climbing on the walls, you look down into the river. It's spectacular."

A rugged, pristine landscape surrounds rock climbers at Clear Creek, a tributary of the Obed River. This little patch of wilderness offers both traditional and sport climbing. In traditional climbing, the climber picks his own route and installs protective bolts in the rock. In sport climbing, the bolts are already in place to ensure climbers' safety.

There are 300 bolted routes on the rock faces in the Obed Gorge. Difficult routes there often require roof climbing. Climber Kelly Brown of Knoxville calls the overhangs "three-dimensional puzzles. What's my body gotta do to get through this space of rock? They test the climber gymnastically, physically and mentally."

Climbers are also attracted to the bouldering fields at the Obed's Lilly Bluff.

"It's just big rocks," O'Connor says. "You don't go up high. You don't need ropes. You don't need a harness, any of that stuff. It's just 'problems,' as they call it. A lot of guys will find a boulder and practice physically hard moves so that when they get on a wall and they are 50 feet in the air, they've got that practice making hard moves."

Kris Stoehr, unit manager of the Obed Wild and Scenic River, attributes the surge in the number of climbers to the advent of climbing walls in gyms, outdoor stores and other facilities.

A student at the University of Tennessee and a staff member at Earth Traverse Outfitters, O'Connor got into climbing by going with friends.

"On a warm sunny day, you can't beat it," he says. "I kayak and bike a lot, but rock climbing is cool. It's a physical and mental game. You would think that you just need to be really strong. It's a lot more — learning to use all your muscles, all your body, learning to put a lot of weight on your feet. Even though you want to trust your hands when you are climbing a wall, your legs are a lot stronger."

Brown, 43, says rock climbing is a whole-body workout.

"Some moves seem humanly impossible," he says. "But with a little bit of endurance, it's remarkable to see that you can do it."

He admits to tense moments. "A couple of times I prayed that I could get to those anchors without falling. It's usually the adventures — the ones where you faced impending doom — that you remember the most."

"... Rock climbing moves me," he says. "I truly don't understand why I'm fascinated by it, but I love it. Being exposed, being up in the air, a certain scariness — it's a rush."

Photos by Saul Young/SHNS



Kelly Brown scales the Hemlock Arete climb on one of the boulders at the Obed Wild and Scenic River area near Wartburg, Tenn.



Kelly Brown climbs across the underside of a section of a boulder called Jr.'s Corner.



Brandon Waddy, left, is attached to a rope tied to Kelly Brown. If Brown should fall during a climb, Waddy can decrease the slack in the rope to keep him from hitting the ground.



Brandon Waddy hangs onto the overhanging roof of climb at the Obed called Altered States.



Photo by MediaGraphics

Many parents are looking to rid their children's schools of junk food vending machines.

Sugar busters

Parents aim to rid school lunch lines of junk food

By Matt Sebastian

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

A visit to her daughter's middle school cafeteria left Leslie Pomeroy reeling.

Foregoing hot lunches, hungry kids piled into the snack line at Southern Hills Middle School in Boulder, Colo., forking over their lunch money for a diet of cookies, candy bars, potato chips and other unhealthy eats.

"It was all high carbs, high sugar, high saturated fat — stuff like Snickers and Doritos," she says. "There was a bowl of fruit that sat at the end of the snack line, but we're lucky if they sell one apple a day."

Appalled by the prospect of ever-fattening teens, Pomeroy assembled a group of parents who vowed to rid their school — and perhaps the entire Boulder Valley School District — of junk food.

So far, the group has persuaded Southern Hills to take a closer look at its snack fare and has begun assembling possible replacements.

"Some of the parents are just absolutely horrified about what's being served in the snack line," says Carrie Hausfather, chairwoman of the school's parent-teacher organization.

Southern Hills' snack selections aren't unusual.

For years, schools around the country have sold less-than-healthy snacks, sometimes going so far as to sign contracts with fast-food franchises or soft-drink companies.

Such contracts, and the increasing number of overweight schoolchildren, recently led California to ban junk food from public schools beginning in 2004. Los Angeles also has banned the sale of soft drinks from its district's schools.

Pomeroy and several other parents began working with the PTO and the administration late last fall to find new products for the school's snack line. The challenge, they say, is to come up with items that students still will buy, since the money made in the snack line helps finance the district's hot-lunch program.

"This is a revenue maker," Hausfather says. "The bottom line is that we don't want to take money away from the district."

The parents also are worried about the cost. Healthier products under consideration — such as PowerBar-brand energy bars or Pirate's Booty cheese puffs — are more expensive than junk food, sometimes by as much as \$1 an item. Some parents and district officials are concerned that students from lower-income families could be priced out of the snack line.

Then there's the challenge of finding a distributor. Pomeroy says it's easy to find companies that distribute candy bars and potato chips; healthier foods are another matter.

The school has welcomed the parents' involvement, even going so far as to host student taste tests of the proposed replacements for the snack line's junk food.

Pomeroy thinks Southern Hills will become a model for how the district should handle nutrition. Once that happens, she hopes, the district can become a model for the state.

"We have an uphill battle," Pomeroy concedes. "But so what? It's worth fighting for."

Protect your kids: Smoke outside

By Donna Halvorsen

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Nationwide, moms are being targeted with a new message: You'll be a hero to your kids if you smoke outside the house.

Doctors have long advised mothers to stop smoking, but the message turned off some women because quitting isn't easy. Now, public health workers have another message they'd like mom to hear: that by smoking in the house, she is endangering the health of her children.

It's a risk that has taken on urgency as research increasingly has documented the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. A national advertising campaign focuses on what happens to children who breathe the 4,000 chemicals and more than 40 carcinogens known to be in tobacco smoke.

The campaign uses TV and radio ads to target women who smoke and have children under 6. These smokers spend the most time in the house with their children and may change their behavior if they realize the health of their children is at stake, research indicates. Furthermore, many young women continue to smoke.

But homes are not subject to state or federal smoking regulations — and are unlikely to be. So the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the American Medical Association and the Consumer Federation of America are taking a softer approach using public service ads that reach out to parents of children under 6, specifically moms.

"What people have realized is that a nicotine addiction is really a hard thing for people to stop," said Dr. Peter Dehnel, a pediatric lung specialist and head of the Children's Hospitals' Physician Network. "It doesn't do a lot of good to make people feel guilty about that."

But smoking outside reduces the risk to children, Dehnel said. "Anything to reduce the exposure of non-smokers to secondhand smoke is a good idea. Ideally, you'd find a way to help the people in the house to quit smoking, but if that doesn't work, this is kind of the next step."

Do much driving? It's written all over your face

By Matthew Barrows

SACRAMENTO BEE

When patients come into Dr. Suzanne Kilmer's dermatology office in Sacramento, Calif., she usually can tell right away whether they've spent their lives primarily as drivers or as passengers.

If the left side of the face has more wrinkles, crows and blotches, the patients are drivers. If it's the right side, they're passengers.

That's right. Sitting in traffic day in and day out doesn't just put stress on our hearts and fill our lungs with dangerous fumes. Now experts are saying it also causes our skin to age prematurely, and it may even lead to skin cancer.

The problem is that motorists think their windshields and windows protect them from the sun. That's only partially true.

Glass does block out some ultraviolet radiation waves — the so-called UVB radiation — that cause sunburn and lead to squamous cell and basal cell carcinomas.

But the other waves, the more ubiquitous UVA rays, are still getting through. And as any dermatologist will tell you, UVA rays aren't exactly harmless.

UVA rays penetrate even more into the skin, damaging deeper tissues and breaking down collagen and elastin, the proteins that give skin its tautness and elasticity. That's why UVA rays are also known as "aging rays."

A case in point, Kilmer says, is a 65-year-old patient of hers who spent 40 years driving a school bus.

"One side of her face looks like corundum; the other side looks like a normal 65-year-old woman's," Kilmer says.

How can you protect yourself? Dermatologists recommend making



Photo by Frederic Larson/SHNS

Drive often? Experts are saying sitting in traffic causes our skin to age prematurely, and it may even lead to skin cancer.

sunscreens as routine as putting on your seat belt.

Most sunscreens protect the skin against UVB rays — something a car window already takes care of. Instead, dermatologists suggest sunscreens such as titani-

um dioxide and zinc oxide, which block both types of rays.

Dr. Ann Haas, another Sacramento-area dermatologist, says motorists who are particularly sensitive to the sun may want to think about additional protection.

Companies such as Coolibar and Solumbra, for example, sell sun-protective clothing. Drivers who are worried about brown spots on their hands, for example, can buy gloves that offer protection when grabbing the steering wheel at the sun-prone 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock position.

Another option is a window film called Lumar, which blocks out 99 percent of both UVA and UVB rays, protecting not only a car's interior, but also a motorist's skin.

"Or they may want to consider commuting in the early morning or early evening when the sun isn't so bad," Haas says.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

SL travel agency relocates

Century World Travel in South Lyon has moved to a new location. The permanent offices are now located at 303 N. Lafayette Street, next to Creative Hair I. All contact information for the agency is the same: by phone (248) 437-6255, fax: (248) 437-9422 or e-mail centuryworldtravel@yahoo.com. The agency is open from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, Saturdays by appointment.

Northville club named best

Northville's Water Wheel Athletic Club was named by HOUR Magazine as metro Detroit's best athletic club. Water Wheel was also recognized as the best health club in the HomeTown Newspapers' People's Choice Awards for 2003.

Lean brochure published

A new eight-page full-color capabilities brochure regarding lean transformation has been jointly published by affiliate companies The Lean Learning Center, of Novi, and Achievement Dynamics, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

The new brochure presents an overview of the lean transformation journey and benefits attained by pursuing lean processes. Services offered by The Lean Learning Center and Achievement dynamics are provided as well as biographies on company principals. A client list and customer testimonials are also included. Full color photographs are presented throughout the brochure.

Koehler appointed president

The Board of Directors of the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) announced that



K. Koehler

South Lyon resident Kevin N. Koehler, vice president, has been appointed to succeed Curt Hacias as president.

"I have been with CAM for 18 years and the organization and its members are an important part of my life," said Koehler. "I look forward to continuing the efforts of my predecessors in growing our member services."

This past March CAM's Board of Directors had selected Koehler to succeed Hacias in June 2004. However, the untimely passing of Mr. Hacias on May 31 accelerated the timetable of succession.

Koehler joined the Construction Association of Michigan in 1987 as a reporter for its Construction Project News publication. In the ensuing years, he was promoted to managing editor of CAM's Construction Project Information Group, director of marketing, and, in 2002, became vice president.

"CAM is the oldest and largest regional construction in North America," said Koehler. "My goal as president will be to ensure that our association stays at the forefront of providing services to its members."

The Construction Association of Michigan, based in Bloomfield Hills, is a trade association of over 4,000 commercial contracting, subcontracting and supply firms. CAM provides services to construction-related businesses including bidding information, on-line plans and specifications, educational programs and industry publications.

Providence helps students

Rob Casalou, president of Providence Hospital, accepted the 2003 Merit Award from Bob Steeh, director of community education, Novi Community School District, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

The Novi Community Education Department and the Chamber presented the award to Providence Hospital. The award is given annually to businesses that assist area students by providing them practical experiences in the business world.

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Brothers Paul Muonio and Byron Muonio stand in the newly expanded dining area at Lyon's Marketplace, 509 S. Lafayette. The deli prepares made-to-order sandwiches with a variety of fresh breads. Round out a meal with soup, chilli or dessert, and dine in or carry out.

Lyon's Marketplace is just what the butcher ordered

By Elizabeth Heer

If a natural, fresh and choice selection is important when buying meat, deli products, and foods, then Lyon's Marketplace is just what the butcher ordered.

Lyon's Marketplace in downtown South Lyon uses old world business practices combined with just the right touch of modern day convenience. While many people visit the store for its top quality meats, others stop in for the conveniently delicious deli salads and sandwiches.

"We provide a combination of an old-fashioned meat market with the new-fangled deli," says Cami Muonio, who owns the

business along with her husband, Byron.

Lyon's Marketplace will celebrate its fourth year in business this fall, and the Muonios say they are extremely satisfied with the continuous growth of their business. The Muonios started their market sharing space with an ice cream store. But, after six months of that combined venture, they bought out the business, eliminating the ice cream section in order to expand their meat business. About that time they purchased a meat saw and became a full-service butcher shop. Since then, business has grown steadily and the Muonios have added new specialty foods

and expanded their services at the Marketplace.

Alongside choice steaks, roasts, pork, chicken and fresh fish, Lyon's Marketplace prepares daily seasonal entrées ready for the oven or grill. Summer fare includes beef and filet mignon, marinated shish kabob with pork, chicken, fish or beef, and a delicious and health-conscious Italian chicken breast sausage.

"Besides the obvious advantage of not having to walk a half-mile from the front door to the meat counter is the small store advantage of meeting individual orders," Byron said. "Recently I made sausage for a customer from a family recipe that she provided." The commitment to customer service is obvious. Special orders for brains, cow tongues, whole pigs or sides of beef are taken with a smile and they will bend over backwards to fill them.

Because Lyon's Marketplace is a smaller market, they are able to find a fresher, all-natural product (that doesn't contain growth hormones) which comes from animals that are allowed to roam free rather than being penned. For the doubtful consumer, Byron suggests a taste test between a Bell & Evans chicken breast and a prepackaged chicken breast from the chain grocer.

This year the Lyon's Marketplace was awarded the South Lyon Herald People's Choice Award for best deli and was voted runner-up for business of the year. As a big believer in brand names when it comes to deli meats and cheeses, Byron says he looks for companies that have a product low in preservatives. Dearborn Sausage

Company, Boar's Head, Dietz and Watson are among the top quality lines that share space with hard-to-find items like Oldani salami and headcheese.

"Among our grocery staples are Guernsey Dairy and Cantoro's bread," Byron said.

He picks his bread up every morning from Livonia's Cantoro's Italian bakery and his bagels from the Detroit Bagel Factory. While it makes an early start to his day, the fresh bread is one reason why Lyon's Marketplace is proving to be a niche in the sandwich market. Cantoro's bread is also sold by the loaf and is distributed to local restaurants.

In addition to the walk-in business, Lyon's Marketplace also offers catering services. The same products you see at the counter are what go onto their trays and into their salads. The fresh taste appeal is just right for the corporation looking for a tasty yet light business lunch. The Marketplace has added delivery to its growing service.

A great product line, attention to detail, being on top of ordering, and inventory control to ensure freshness were enough to get Lyon's Marketplace off the ground. But the loyal customer base has made it a destination place in South Lyon.

"When we opened our doors, a lot of people thought that South Lyon wasn't ready for a top-quality meat market," Cami said. "But we were warmly welcomed into the community, and since then everything else has just been icing on the cake."

The Muonios, who live in Lyon Township with their five children, say the small town feeling that led them to South Lyon in the first place provided

DETAILS

Lyon's Marketplace combines old-fashioned service with modern day convenience.

Located at 509 S. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon, Lyon's Marketplace is your destination for fresh meat, deli products, sandwiches, homemade soups, and coffee. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call (248) 446-1822 for more information.

the perfect atmosphere in which to open their market. "People stop by just to say hello or to let us know that they'll be out of town but they'll be back in two weeks," Byron said. "That's just great."

After Byron experienced a life-threatening illness last March, his brother Paul stepped in to fill the gap during his absence. The Muonio's also learned firsthand the closeness of the community spirit.

"The community has just been unbelievably supportive. All the cards, flowers, stopping by, visits to the hospital - it's been really great," said Byron, who is still on the road to recovery.

Perhaps it's that kind of aura that makes this new spot on the block feel as comfortable as your dad's recliner - safe and welcoming.

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Dark spaces with charm

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
 Copley News Service

Q: We added a powder room in the hallway under the stairs, so it has no window. I need ideas on how to make it nicer than just a dark little "necessary room."

A: I'm reminded of a childhood favorite hymn, with lyrics that advise, "Brighten the corner where you are." Good advice for decorating projects, too. Even a small corner can be made bright and charming. Or maybe you'll decide to forgo the "bright" part and make your guest bath dark and charming.

Instead of railing against the dark, the designer of the small bath we show here decided to emphasize its warmth, translating the dominate leather brown from the amusing trompe l'oeil wallpaper to both the cabinet and the ceiling. Add the twinkle of crystal and a collection of interesting oddments on a decorative shelf, and the end result is totally sophisticated, yet cozy — a room worth lingering in (even if you can't read most of those books.)

The book we borrowed this photo from is one to get your hands on before tackling your decorative challenge: "Bed & Bath Decorating Ideas & Projects." (Meredith Books, publishers).

P.S. If you love the wallpaper, look for a new design from Brewster Wallcovering Co. Kenneth James Brand "King's Road" pattern is all about faux books, stacked, piled and leaning on ceiling-high trompe l'oeil shelves.

Brewster is also offering another novel Kenneth James Brand collection of wallcoverings designed especially for contemporary rooms — not always easy to find.

"Iridium" features metallics in mostly geometric patterns — gold, silver, bronze — that would be especially smashing on the ceiling in, say, an ultra-modern dining room. (Have a look at www.brewsterwallcovering.com.)

Q: My husband is 6 feet 7 inches tall, and has trouble sitting in most ordinary chairs. I want to buy him a recliner for the family room, but it is to be a surprise birthday present, which means he can't go "try it on." I only wish chairs came in sizes.

A: They've been coming in sizes for a lot of years, ever since companies like La-Z-Boy realized that "the little woman" also likes to take her TV lying back. Today, they offer many styles of "his" hefty reclining chairs downscaled to "hers" size.

You'll find that most recliner manufacturers do offer a choice of chairs proportioned to fit differently proportioned people. Unfortunately, trying to suit a chair to someone else is like



CNS Photo courtesy of Meredith Books

Whimsical guest bath for the bookish features trompe l'oeil wallpaper.

buying clothes without trying them on.

My best advice: Describe your husband to the sales clerk, who should be experienced enough to guide you to a properly scaled chair. Order it in the color and style you think best suits your husband (and your family room decor), but be sure it can be returned. Only your husband can decide whether the fit fits. (One reliable indicator: the backs of his knees hit the front edge of the seat.)

Also noteworthy: For the first time ever, the American Chiropractic Association has endorsed a reclining chair, the aptly named Stressless chair from Ekornes furniture. Made in Norway for 30-some years, the Stressless is now available here in two or three sizes. That feature helped with the chiropractic approval because it affords proper support to a sitter's head and lower back. Check out details at www.ekornes.com.

Q: What is today's ultimate luxury in indoor relaxation?

A: If you're thinking of upgrading your ordinary bath to a deluxe home spa, plan a research trip to bring back ideas from Stowe, Vt.

Chuck Baraw, president of StoweLake Mountain Resort & Spa, says he spent four years trying out hundreds of other spas around the world before settling on the design and services to be offered at his new 50,000-square-foot facility.

On the impressive menu of self-indulgences: a 12-foot-high replica of Vermont's famed Bingham Falls, one of the state's best-loved outdoor attractions. This version will be indoors, however, bubbling with 102-degree mineral waters instead of 50 bone-chilling degrees straight from the mountain. (See more at www.stowlake.com.)

Buzzing noise is due to European Chafers mating

Q: Something very creepy is going on outside my house at night. There's this buzzing in the trees and it sounds like insects. I'm sure that they are destroying something but I can't find it. Are these wasps or what?

A: It's "or what." Your happy visitors are European Chafers. They are having hot date night in your trees. As juveniles or grubs, they were grazing on grass and plant roots. Then they pupated and turned from grubs into beetles. The beetles have only one job to do and that's to mate. That's what all the crazy buzzing is about. Groups will gather in trees or other areas and make a racket starting after dark. They aren't eating anything, so stop looking. It's just party, party, party. These guys look like small, tan June bugs and are about a half-inch long. After the glorious party, the fertilized females will lay their cute little eggs in the soil somewhere not far from the party trees. This will happen in the next several weeks. The tree buzzers aren't the problem — it's their future children. The new crop of European Chafers larvae will be feeding on the roots of grass and other plants. As they grow, they eat more. By the end of August until it frosts, mega-feeding frenzies will be happening underground. This means that turf or flowerbed areas could sustain root damage. Remember the miles of dead grass this year in some places in the county? It's about to happen again. You can prevent this. During the first two weeks of July, apply a grub control product that is a growth regulator for the larvae. These products are anything with Merit or Bayer Season-Long Grub Control or Grubex. Grubex changed its formulation to contain Imidacloprid. This is very good. Now, all the products are equal in their ability to control European Chafers. Follow the bag directions. Since the noisy adults aren't doing anything, turn on a fan to drown them out. Fear not the noisy adults, but be very afraid of their subterranean future-kiddies.

Home
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Gretchen Voyle



Q: Is there some kind of terrible tree plague killing trees in this county? I have been driving down D-19, Mason and Fowerville Roads and I am seeing many trees with brown or yellow leaves and sometimes, several are dead in the same area. Is this Emerald Ash Borer?

A: It's a way older pest than that. This is our old childhood friend, Dutch Elm Disease. This is a tree killer that's been around since the 1950s. This is the disease that turned many "Tree City USA's" into the "Little Town on the Prairie." It's a fungal disease that is carried by the Elm Bark Beetle. When the beetle comes calling, it is dragging the fungus with it. Eggs are laid in the bark cracks and the tiny larvae invade under the bark. The fungus activates when it comes in contact with the sap in the trees. It blocks the water conducting channels in the cambium layer. The larvae continue to feed under the bark, destroying the cambium layer and spreading the fungus. The tree takes a rapid shift for the worse. The fungus can also be spread through root graft. Elm trees that are growing in groups have roots that intertwine and grow into each other. The fungus is passed through the subway tunnel of roots to the next tree. So either the beetle or the fungus will be stopping by and leaving it's calling card of death. So what did we learn about planting street after street of elms? They were lovely trees but it was a monoculture. After the great elm city forests perished, we planted street after street of ash trees. Now, another alien invader comes to America and begins killing our new monoculture. Now insert your own moral to this story.

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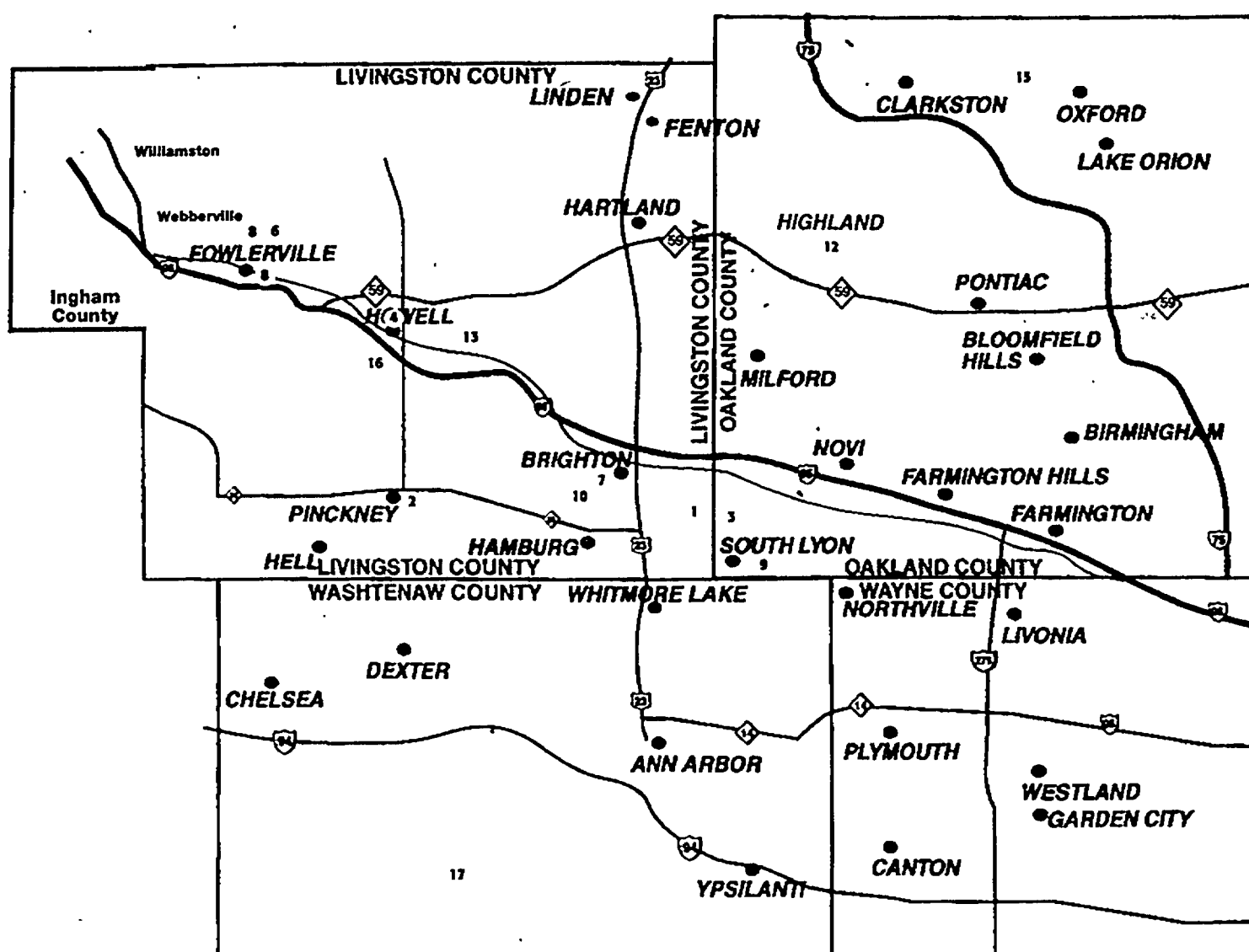


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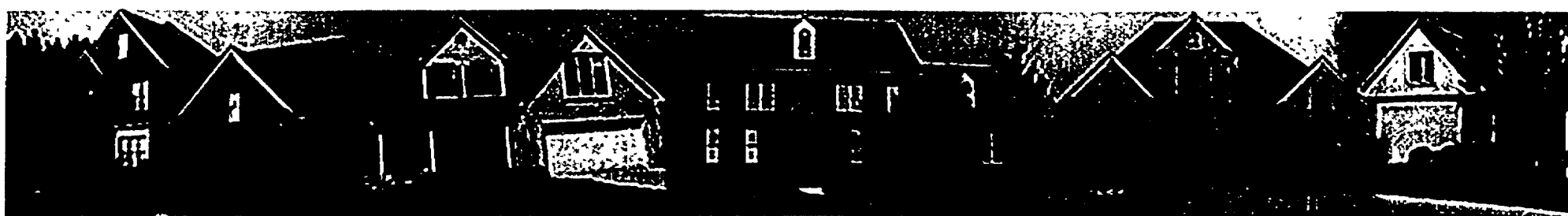
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PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$137,500
Beginner's dream! Great home in town. Nice lot enhanced by mature trees. Living room w/large picture window. Kitchen, new cabinets and counters. Updated bath. Large finished and insulated garage, plus wide concrete drive. Excellent location. (23050938)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$153,900
Fabulous opportunity in the city of Brighton. Current single family home, was a 2-unit rental w/separate access. Second kitchen located in the upper level. Extensive recent updates include shingles, landscaping & interior remodeling. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. (23027686)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$159,000
Adorable 3 bedroom Bungalow, original woodwork, all appliances included. 1st floor bath, 2 car garage, newer roof, Howell Schools, paved road. Only 10 minutes north of town and shows great! (23041175)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$164,900
Lakeview of Thompson Lake, across the street & also park access. Newer vinyl windows, roof, & vinyl siding have been replaced. Some hardwood floors. Enclosed porch (most windows have been replaced). One car garage. Nicely maintained & landscaped. (23048826)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$167,500
Up north feeling on a corner double lot. Lakeview & deeded lake access lot across the street. This home has many updates within the last 5 years including kitchen w/breakfast bar, furnace, vaulted ceilings, hot water heater, & much more. (23038294)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$169,900
Well-built quality ranch w/view of Thompson Lake across street. Skylight, appliances in kitchen included. All window treatments stay. Bow windows in living room & dining room ("L" shaped). Partially finished basement w/bc. room. Washer & dryer included. Home warranty included. (23016450)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$174,500
Picture perfect home! Minutes from outlet mall & downtown Howell. Private wooded backyard w/tons of wildlife. Beautifully decorated interior, hardwood floors in bedrooms, fireplace in family room, ceramic bath. 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Lots of room. (23050978)



CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS \$179,899
Move right-in neat as a pin. This home has all less than a year old appliances included, beautiful family room. Lots of updates throughout. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, over 1,300 sq ft. (23049274)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$192,900
Pheasant Brook Subdivision, prime cul-de-sac location with very large yard. Freshly painted throughout, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, bright & beautiful, oak exterior, sprinkler system, close to expressway schools & recreation area. Home warranty provided. (23015319)



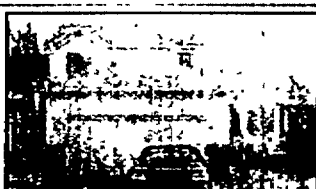
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$194,900
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HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$199,000
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BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$199,900
Well maintained 4 bedroom home in established quiet family neighborhood. Home has totally new kitchen & family room w/skylights. Large 1/2 acre fenced yard. Ideal home for a growing family. Minutes to shopping & highways. Home warranty provided. (23003766)



FARMINGTON SCHOOLS \$199,900
A perfect two-story condo in great condition w/1st floor laundry, excellent kitchen, all appliances included, immediate occupancy ideal location! 1 mile south of I-696. Nice 20x14 recreation room in a spacious basement. Bring all offers. This place is worth a look! (23031522)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$199,900
1.36 acres, build a pole barn, no restrictions, private cul-de-sac, paved roads. Fabulous location! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,620 sq ft. Den could be a 4th bedroom, huge master suite w/walk-in closets, rear deck 144 sq ft. Central air, covered porch, & more. (23014166)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$204,000
1,700 sq ft. ranch on 1+ acre w/a walkout basement. 3-sided fireplace with a view from the family room/dining room. New windows, roof, gas forced air furnace, and hot water heater. Eat-in kitchen with plenty of cabinets, large deck, & more. (23027695)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$205,300
Great subdivision close to everything in town. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement w/ fireplace and wonderful deck. Home warranty included. (23049597)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$207,000
1,800 sq ft. ranch minutes from downtown Brighton. Many updates including newer doors, carpet, windows, furnace - and ceramic in kitchen &oyer Great family sub. Natural fireplace in family room, & more. Home warranty included. (23038768)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$207,500
Almost 2,200 sq ft. of updated living space. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and unfinished bonus room, which could be a 4th bedroom. Full almost finished walkout lower level. 1 year home warranty. (23040502)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$209,900
New construction should be completed by July 3 bedrooms, open floor plan, great location, between Brighton and Howell Wooded, private, walkout site. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,376 sq ft. (23012516)



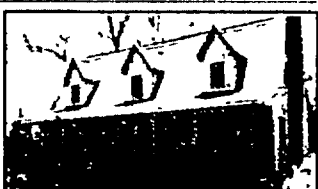
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$213,900
Great 3-story townhouse. This is worth a look! Nice décor & very nice floor plan. Whirlpool tub in master, great Florida room (20'x14'). Fireplace in great room, soaring ceilings. 3 bedrooms, plus loft library. Finished rec room in walkout basement. Pets okay. (23029621)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$214,500
Like new 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 half bath ranch located in great family neighborhood. Home is located on one of the nicest wooded lots, walking trails & privileges to one of Howell's largest & sport lakes (Thompson Lake). Home has finished basement & a 2 car attached garage. (23049173)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$218,000
Wonderful 1,625 sq ft. ranch on just under 2 acres. Open floor plan, 4th bedroom in partially finished walkout basement. Newer furnace and hot water heater. Roof approx. 5 years old. Home warranty included. (23019260)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$219,000
Cape Cod on almost 2 acres in the city of Brighton. 2 car detached garage, room for outbuildings, zoned multi-family residential use. (23050183)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$226,500
Very nice & spacious farm house on almost one acre. Very private backyard surrounded by trees. Five bedrooms & 2 full baths. Large country kitchen. Wood-burning stove in living room, Michigan basement w/ cement floor. Lots of updates including new textured cement front & rear patio. (23036886)



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PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$249,900
Sill like new, 2001 Colonial, side entrance garage & large pole barn, pond view & access. Beautiful kitchen w/wood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, walk to downtown. Dining room now being used as an office. Great front porch. Home warranty included. (23011068)



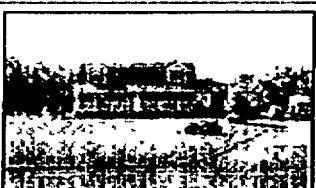
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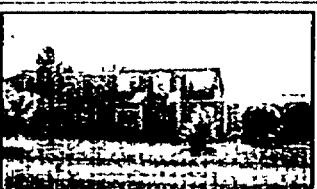
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$269,900
All American Homes 1 1/2 story Cape Cod. Finished basement w/4th bedroom & 1/2 bath. Master w/bath and walk-in. 2.5 car garage, 24x24' deck, central air, oak kitchen, and flooring. Andersen windows. (23051463)



HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS \$279,900
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PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$279,900
Attractive country Colonial, construction almost complete, still time to choose flooring. 1,676 sq ft. 3 bedrooms, plus 16x12 bonus room w/very open floor plan, maintenance free. Backs to private wooded lot, daylight windows in lower level w/9' ceiling & prepped for 3rd bath. (23022723)



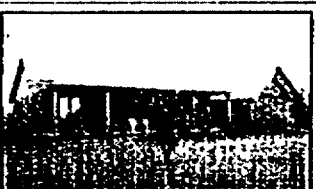
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Country retreat. Spacious home on 10 acres. Paved winding driveway. Picturesque pond for swimming. Comfortable family room offers fieldstone fireplace & hardwood floor. Kitchen features ceramic flooring. Skylights in baths. Large covered deck & more. (23049794)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$294,900
Totally remodeled kitchen in this nice Tudor home. Beautiful study, nice country setting w/gorgeous yard. Great expressway access. 1 year home protection plan included. Heated 3 car garage, large lot, & a hot tub. (23050348)



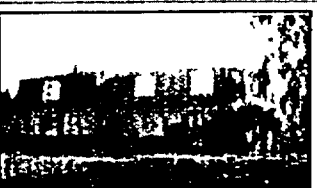
BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$320,000
Beautiful like new ranch ready for you. Open floor plan w/split bedrooms, fantastic master suite. Stone fireplace in middle. Great decking to watch the sunsets over pool at the end of the day. Just off US-23 in Brighton on 3+ acres. Home warranty included. (23050598)



WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS \$339,900
Very nice 2-story Colonial w/4 bedrooms & lots of upgrades. Granite counters, built-in bookshelves, security system, sprinklers, central air, 3 car garage, wood floors, custom window treatments. Beautifully decorated, ready to move into. Home only 4 years old. Very nice home! (23051729)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$339,900
Excellent 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch floor plan, brick & vinyl exterior. Unusual octagonal eating area, nice den, 3 car attached garage. 1 acre lot overlooking 7th green at Timber Trace Golf Club. Daylight windows in lower level. (22064314)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$344,900
This is the dream home your growing family has been looking for! Almost completely updated with room for everybody. 5 bedrooms including just completed 800 sq ft. deluxe master suite that is pure heaven. Walk to schools, Mt. Brighton, or downtown. Also has Lime Lake access. (23049241)



FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$349,900
Unbelievable views from this hilltop home on 5.96 acres. This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home has (2) 2 car attached garages, lower level garage has 1/2 bath, inground pool, freshly painted, neutral colors and carpet. Finished walkout lower level. (23038379)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$349,900
Nestled in the pines, this beautiful story & a half home features almost 2,900 total sq ft. of luxury living space. The full walkout overlooking natural woods, provides a family room, full bath, & a study. 3 bedrooms, multi-level decking & more! (23009401)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$361,970
This 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home featuring 2,863 sq ft. & 1,650 sq ft. lower level is nestled on approximately 2.5 acres of gorgeous woods-secluded like up north. East Crooked Lake privileges-including dock, private park, and more. (22068331)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$389,900
Beautiful 1 1/2 story, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,736 sq ft. home on a wooded 1 acre lot in the golf & equestrian community of Putnam Meadows. Situated on 1st tee on Timber Trace w/great view of course. Daylight basement w/9 walls & lots of nice extras. Must see! (23041141)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$399,900
Executive home with all the amenities. Gourmet kitchen, Conan countertops, top grade appliances, 1st floor den, 2-story family room. House backs to protected area. (23053316)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$399,900
Wonderful 4 BR Colonial on 5 acres. 4th BR on main level, large great room w/beautiful stone FP from floor to ceiling. Formal DR & LR. Master suite w/garden tub & shower. Finished bonus rm wired for sound throughout. 1st floor laundry, huge oak kitchen, porch connects to gazebo. (23048547)



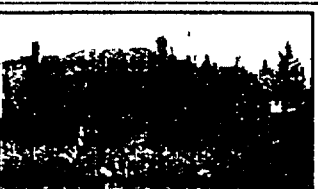
BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$409,000
Great location in area of fine homes. Fabulous lot enhanced by mature trees whose views of private lake & wooded commons area. GR w/lots of windows overlooking grounds. XL w/plenty of cabinet space. Oak floors to entry level. Bonus rm over garage. Basement daylight windows, framed for finishing. 1 year home warranty. (23018196)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$499,000
Elegant & spacious home w/over 4,000 sq ft. on over an acre lot. Set up w/4 BR & 4 European style BA. Designer kit w/stone flooring & many built-ins, breakfast rm adjacent to the kit. Wood plank flooring. Stunning master suite incl. FP, 4 double closets & an entertainment center. Property zoned for business. (22074829)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$609,900
Architect designed, custom built, 4,500 +/- sq ft. home on 6.5 acres. Howell Schools, adjacent 6.3 acres available. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, extra 24'x36' garage & a 45'x50' steel pole barn. (23045643)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$899,900
Custom lakefront home featuring 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 3,280 sq ft., CA, FPs in master BR, FR, & LR. Master suite w/sitting rm, & luxury bath. Permanent dock, newer maint. free deck. Add'l 56'x16' garage made to house a motor home incl., 50 amp service, & dump station. Amenities galore! (23011756)



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LIVONIA - Country living in the city with lowering trees. Almost 2000 sq. ft. ranch on over 1.6 acres w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 fireplaces (LR & FR), formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, 2.5 car attached garage & Florida room, 2 horses allowed. \$339,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



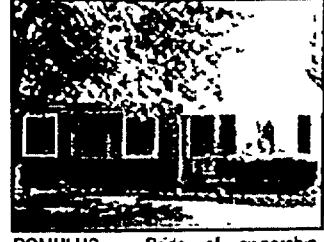
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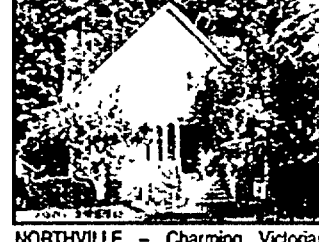
ROMULUS - Pride of ownership. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick offers 2 car garage w/220, 60 amp service, finished basement w/projector TV, master bedroom, w/walk-in closet & doorwall. Newer furnace, CA, windows, driveway & remodeled kitchen & bath. \$149,900 (74ANT) 734-455-5600



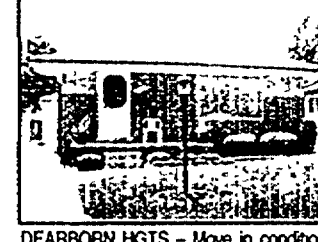
VAN BUREN - Country in the city 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/large 3 car garage w/workshop. Lovely flower gardens & large covered patio. Remodeled baths, master w/whirlpool tub. Newer steel doors, fresh paint & more. See through fireplace in living room & family room & large shed w/lot \$184,900 (27OLD) 734-455-5600



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NORTHVILLE - Charming Victorian home. Return to the days of old in this cozy and old fashioned desirable neighborhood. 3 bedrooms w/roomy kitchen, parlor, FR, DR, partially fin basement, plenty of storage. All updated. Beautiful hardwood floors, large front porch w/swing. \$341,500 (35HIG) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN HGTS - Move in condition. This sharp 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home has a lot to offer 2.5 car fully wired garage, full finished basement w/2nd kitchen, rec room, bar, glass block windows, C/A, covered patio, sprinkler system. Beautiful remodeled kitchen w/loads of solid oak cabinets. \$164,900 (29HIG) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Designer gourmet kitchen. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial has 3+ car garage on approx 68 acres features a stunning kitchen w/granite, library w/bay window, 1st floor laundry & great room w/triple deck w/BBO - great for summer entertaining. \$337,000 (700IN) 248-349-5600



GROSSE ILE - Grosse Ile ranch. Nice ranch on large lot, updates include: windows, siding, roof, furnace, CA, garage door. Very nice brick paver patio. Appliances stay. All this in this charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. \$215,000 (50MER) 734-455-5600



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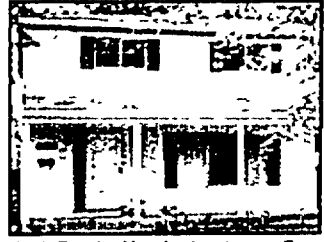
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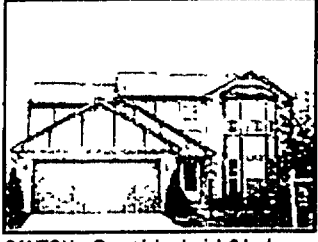
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CANTON - Beautiful colonial. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/Plymouth Canton schools, offers 2 car attached garage, brick paver patio, basement, kitchen w/island, family room w/brick fireplace. Living room w/bay window, formal dining room, loft overlooking family room. \$260,000 (93IRO) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Warrendale brick bungalow 3 bedroom home w/large upper master, dining room w/beautiful bay window, hardwood floors under carpet & newer windows, roof, furnace & HWH. Huge garage w/electricity. Close to shopping & schools. \$109,900 (67PIE) 734-455-5600



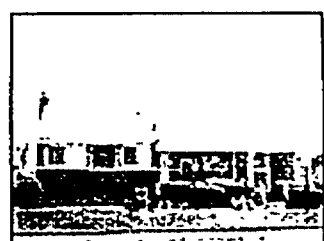
LIVONIA - Great 4 bedroom ranch w/all year round sunroom for sunny days, 2 years newer gas heater. Large oversized extra deep garage. Baths updated w/ceramic. Hardwood floors l/o. Newer windows, glass block too, attic fan, newer furnace, CA. \$179,900 (89AUB) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Original owners pride. This 3 bedroom ranch has many updates including roof, furnace, CA, HWH, air cleaner, windows, carpet/hardwood underneath. Freshly painted in neutral colors. Tiled & painted basement. 2 car garage & 2 baths. Home is ready for new lucky owner. \$144,500 (41COL) 248-349-5600



BRIGHTON - Brighton schools close by. Lots of living space in this 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath quad-level. Family room with fireplace. Large backyard with large deck. Extra large 2.5 car garage & shed. Home warranty included. \$219,900 (44HOL) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Westland brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/finished basement, newer windows throughout, family room, large yard w/gas BBQ & 2.5 car garage. \$112,900 (41JUL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Ranch in Rosedale Gardens. Brick home w/many updates, CA, hardwood floors, kitchen appliances stay, finished basement w/1/2 bath, nice landscaping glass block windows in basement. Fenced yard, 3 ceiling fans. Show & sell. \$159,900 (36FAR) 734-455-5600



DETROIT - Warrendale brick bungalow 3 bedroom home w/large upper master, dining room w/beautiful bay window, hardwood floors under carpet & newer windows, roof, furnace & HWH. Huge garage w/electricity. Close to shopping & schools. \$109,900 (67PIE) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Great 4 bedroom ranch w/all year round sunroom for sunny days, 2 years newer gas heater. Large oversized extra deep garage. Baths updated w/ceramic. Hardwood floors l/o. Newer windows, glass block too, attic fan, newer furnace, CA. \$179,900 (89AUB) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Beautiful. This well maintained 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial is located on a quiet tree-lined street. Newer kitchen, doorwall, some windows, furnace, AC, HWH, newer ceramic tile, garage door, foyer floor, above-ground pool w/deck, newer filter, lines & cover. \$232,900 (18MAR) 248-349-5600



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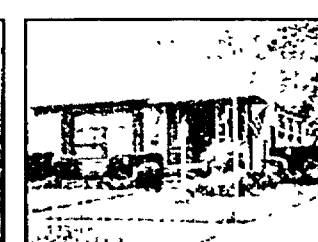
DEARBORN HTS - Ready for you to move into! 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, partially finished basement, updated oak kitchen, CA, hardwood floors under carpet & plaster walls w/coated ceiling in living room, newer windows, doors & glass block windows. A real find. \$129,900 (85WED) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Outstanding house & lot. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2-story home on prime approx .53 acre heavily treed cul-de-sac lot w/fin WO basement. Huge family room w/triple island. Upgraded island lot w/Sub-Zero. Natural setting w/beautiful decks, paver patio & hot tub. \$409,000 (53DAV) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Misty Woods of Bloomfield. Beautiful 2 bedroom condo. Popular location - close to schools, shopping & dining. Large master bedroom w/private bath. Neutral decor. Ceramic kitchen & foyer. All appliances. Patio balcony. \$129,900 (25LOW) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY - Updated brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on a corner lot w/LR & FR, full finished basement recently remodeled w/lots of storage & a huge FR. Hardwood floors wall to wall & ceramic baths. 2 car garage. All this and a great yard w/privacy fence & perennial gardens. \$139,950 (71HEL) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Walk to downtown Plymouth. Classic bungalow offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, fenced yard, partially finished basement, beautifully maintained. \$254,900 (05VEE) 734-455-5600



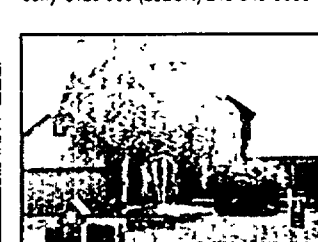
CANTON - Backs to Wetlands. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo has cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, beautiful kitchen, 1st floor laundry, doorwall to lovely rear yard & deck, 2 car attached garage w/opener. Home warranty. \$224,900 (96CHE) 734-455-5600



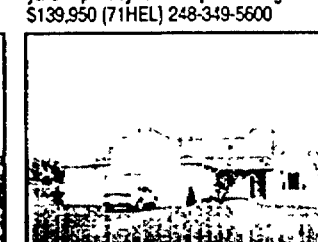
WESTLAND - This is the one. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath tri-level w/large eat-in kitchen, newer windows, garage, CA & nicely landscaped w/pond in backyard. \$173,900 (55CHI) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - It's hard to believe... That you can still buy a sprawling 4 BR brick ranch on almost 1 acre of treed property in Wood Creek at this price. Offers 4 bedrooms, finished w/o LL guest suite, family room w/wet bar, fireplace in LR & FR. Updated kit & much more. \$324,000 (46WES) 248-349-5600



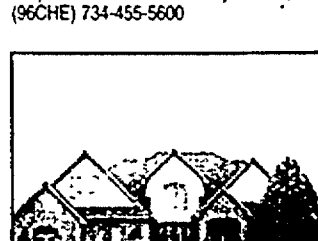
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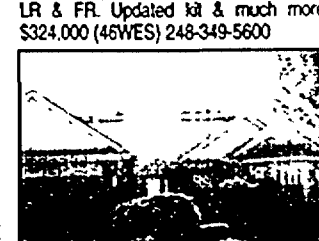
DEARBORN HTS - 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. Extra sharp broad front bungalow w/fireplace, updated kitchen, bath, windows, doors, newer carpet, deck off back, 2 car attached garage. Shows well, neutral colors. \$138,900 (01WES) 734-455-5600



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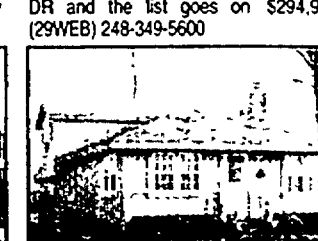
CANTON - New construction condo. 2 bedroom, 1 full & 1 half bath, 2 car attached garage, basement w/garden windows, CA, 1st floor laundry, deck overlooking pond. \$215,000 (58AVI) 734-455-5600



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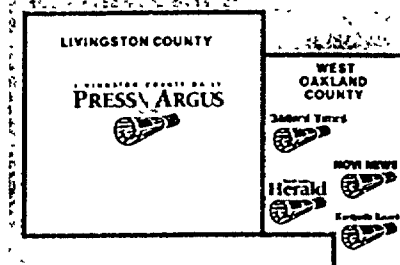
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Auction Sales (7060)

Linden Sash & Door Remodeling AUCTION Saturday, July 12, 10:00 am

US-23 to exit #79 Silver Lake Rd., west 3 miles into Linden, north at traffic light (Bridge St./Linden Rd.) about 1/2 mile to 1002 N. Bridge Street, Linden. www.nathanauctions.com

1960 Willys Jeep (10K miles, excellent). Kitchens: Plain & Fancy white cabinets (refrigerator, Corian counter/sink, Franke faucet), HomeCrest oak cabinets (blue Sirel counter sink, bar), ShowPlace natural cabinets (black Corian counter/sink, pantry), HomeCrest Pantry's counters, trash compactor, sinks (Marbleite, Transold, Corian), Jacuzzi tub/circular shower unit, medicine cabinets (Tn-View, etc), tub enclosure, Kohler toilets, mirror, vanities (Marbleite, HomeCrest), towel bars, chair/stools, cookbook holders, few antiques, baskets, Lennox (space jar) vases, Baldwin candle holder/mirrors, tile displays, Faucets (Grohe, Franke, Delta, Kohler, etc), new Anderson windows, storm doors, doors lock sets. Many other great items not listed.

Terms: Complete payment auction day. Cash, MI checks, credit cards. Sales tax. All items sold "as is, where is." Announcements take precedence over printed matter. Other terms apply.

(810) 266-6474 Byron, MI

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SPAGHETTI WESTERNS

ACROSS 1 Apples 5 Helicopter sound 9 Swedish rockers 13 "Whole — Love" (69 hit) 18 Guinness or Baldwin 19 Actress Skye 20 Chrysler compactor 21 Tols 22 "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" 25 O'Neil's "Cometh" 26 New Hampshire 28 Lost part 30 Married Mto. 31 Tarbell or Lupino 33 Thet 36 "Dueling mo. 37 "Spino at Diablo" 43 Punjabi prince 46 Ornamental vine 47 It may be bitter

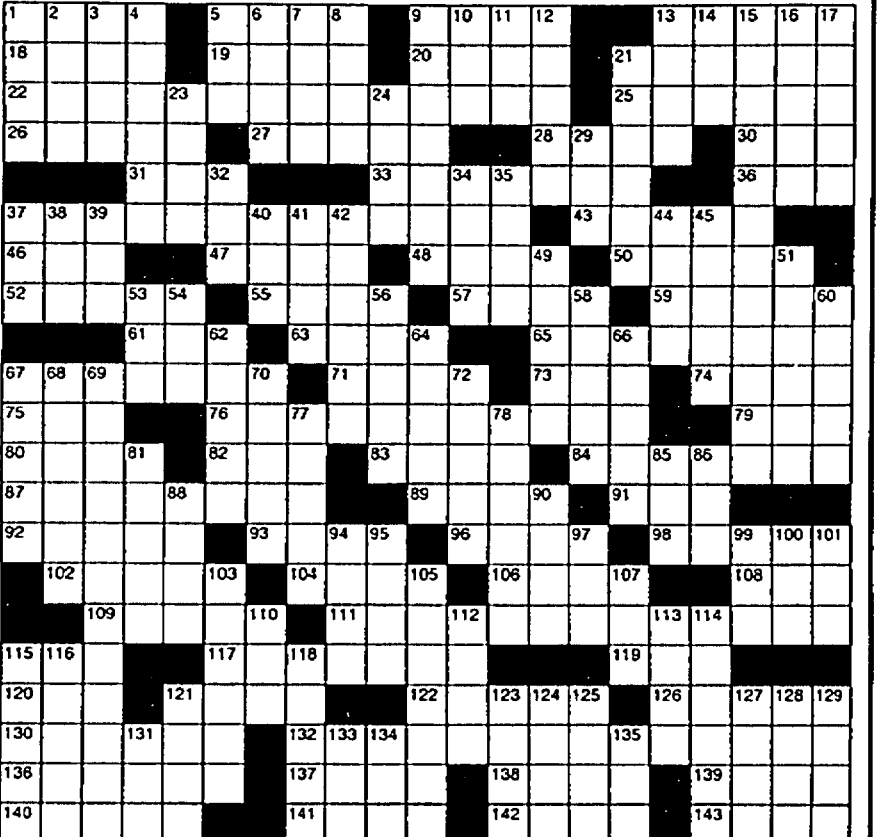
DOWN 1 TVs "Shadows" 2 Burn rnrth or Daniels 4 Picturesque 5 Humor 6 Car part 8 Scuba site 9 Insult 10 Derisive cry 11 Tr's "freezing" 12 Confuse 13 Tablecloth fabric 14 UK honor 15 "Riders of the Purple Sage" 16 Vagabond 17 Ed of "Lou Grant" 21 Tripoli native 23 Change the decor 24 Earl — Bigger 29 Hockey's Bobby 32 Current unit 34 Honey bunch? 35 Wild child 37 "M.A.S.H." extras 38 "— been had?" 39 Winter Rand

48 Blue hue 50 The very bottom 52 Tijuana title 55 "Star Wars" Skywalker 57 Fawn's 59 Pride of lions? 61 Be a pest 63 Actress Helgenberger 65 Alarc, for one 67 Easily read 71 Kedrova of "Tom Curtain" 73 Unwell 74 Gulf ruler 75 Part of EEC 76 "The Tin Stella" star? 78 Wrath 80 Fateful 82 Derroled 83 Rain hard? 84 Incorporated, as territory 87 Jones, e.g. 89 Junket 91 Petite pooch 92 Forster's "— With a View" 93 Evaluate 96 Level 98 Account entry

102 Have — over one's head 104 "My Sweet" (770 smash) 106 Embos's letters 108 Indefinite pronoun 109 Baal and Elvis 111 "Rosso River" star? 115 Funnyman Phillips 117 Hailing from Haifa 119 Paw part 120 Once around the track 121 "Peter Pan" 122 Pound the podium 126 Station role 130 Puts up 132 "How the West Was Won" star? 136 Actress Tyson 137 Poker stake 138 Peter and Gordon song, e.g. 139 Small combo 140 Asian capital 141 Tavern staples 142 District

143 Prophet 40 Vinegar's partner 41 Dejected 42 Detergent ingredient 44 Actress Geriz 45 Saying 49 Linda of "Alcoa" 51 John the leinure class? 53 Kimono closer 54 Massage 56 Fromm or Segal 58 Comic Radner 60 Start the slaw 62 Shimmer 64 Rub it in 65 Dislort 67 Camera company 68 Wnier 69 "The Grande Country" star? 70 Go in 72 Blazing 77 Kidney-related 78 De Haviland or Hussey 81 Hair not 85 Start to snooze 86 Spud bud 88 Mohike novel

90 Menial laborer 94 Tiberius' threads? 95 A Great Lake 97 Sister 100 Bed and breakfast 101 Pgskin prop made 103 Poorly 105 Costello or Del Rio 107 Use a straw 110 Compass pl. 112 Neighbor of Tenn. 113 Wet's opposite 114 Modifies 115 Vole in 116 Lanza or Lemeux 118 "King Lear" role 121 Wvlyt sate 123 Vodka — de force 124 Fencing weapon 127 Full-grown fly 128 Soft cheese 129 Scott 131 Doderon or Shiba — (Japanese dog) 134 Giant legend 135 Gvokl



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

1. ISOMER 2. ELDER 3. APSE 4. ERA 5. DELICATE 6. TESSER 7. BREAD 8. DIX 9. SEA 10. ITEM 11. TERSE 12. GIDDY 13. OBOE 14. PHILO 15. SARI 16. ALICE 17. RIEN 18. CHARISSE 19. BEATLE 20. GEORGE 21. RAG 22. SHAD 23. CANE 24. RECUR 25. LEAVE 26. BRA 27. THANKS 28. BILBO 29. SRA 30. SEC 31. ASTO 32. LAO 33. COPPOLA 34. OTOOLE 35. NEMESIS 36. THAWED 37. NEWBORN 38. LYE 39. TOTI 40. NED 41. RBI 42. LEASER 43. RIBALD 44. ANO 45. LEHAR 46. SINEW 47. ROTA 48. RAYE 49. IDO 50. SHAGGY 51. ANIMAL 52. FLATBOAT 53. EDGY 54. OVERT 55. IRAN 56. AGNES 57. ACRE 58. TOKEN 59. STRAD 60. SLOW 61. ELF 62. ARM 63. JANEY 64. RECHAR 65. ACTER 66. INA 67. ODIN 68. LITHE 69. EL PASO 70. LEN 71. APT 72. EXCEL 73. SKATE

Garage Sales (7100)

BABY WOLF 8 H. Ioom w/extras \$1000 best (248) 486-1835

Rummage Sales & Flea Market (7080)

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BRIGHTON Garage Sale 11177 Buro Rd. July 11-13 Fri-Sun, 10-5 Everything must sell

BRIGHTON July 12-13, 9-4 5266 Hadden Pines Dr. Pine Creek Ridge Sub Designer women's, infants & up to 3T clothes, antiques furniture household, sewing machine electronics & more

BRIGHTON Teen Family Sale Baby items, teen girl clothes toys, many books, household items, furniture July 10-12 9-5 779 Oakridge, corner of Fairway Trails

COMMERCE July 10-11, 9am-7pm, 2007 Jason Dr. (off Carey Rd. N of Commerce Rd.) Clothes, baby & bedroom furniture, exercise gear & weights go-cart, etc.

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Garage Sales (T11)

NOVI 22522 Brook Forest. Computer equip., kids/nature clothes, toys, furniture 7-11, 12, 13, 10-5.

NOVI - Moving Sale! 21724 Sunflower, Whispering Meadows sub, off 9 Mile, W of Haggerty. Washer/dryer, elec stove, baby crib & items, antiques, collectibles & misc. Sat., July 12th, 8-5pm

NOVI - Several families in Barclay Estates (9 Mile & Beck) 21936 York Mills Dr July 11, 8:30-4pm. Furniture, misc. household, chopper/shredder & canoe.

NOVI MULTI Family. huge sale! July 11-13, 9-4 Sun 11-3. Furniture, grill, bikes, clothing, household, sports, children's toys. 41045 Todd Lane, off Marks. Meadowbrook between 8 & 9 Mile

SOUTH LYON - 3 family sale. Furniture, light fixtures, household goods, etc. Thur, 3-6, Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4 Tower Rd between 7 & 8

SOUTH LYON - Multi Family Sale! Dual Run condos, S of McDonalds July 12, 9-4pm

Moving Sales (T13)

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MILFORD tools, furniture, building materials, Little Tikes & baby items. Friday, 9-5pm, Sat & Sun 9-1pm, 524 Hickory 1 block N of Commerce, 2 blocks E of Main.

NORTHVILLE - Everything must go! Lots of Mary Englebert items, books, furniture, misc. household items. Sat., July 12, 7-2pm 115 S Rogers

NOVI Sat July 12, 8-3pm. Livingroom, Couch, loveseat, all tables & lamps, \$800. Girls white full bedroom set, Hammond Organ, Yamaha Keyboard, books, bedding & Much more! 24312 Lynnwood Dr

SOUTH LYON July 10-12. Thurs Fri, 9-7, Sat, 9-3, 320 N Lafayette. Duncan Pyle 3 pedestal table & 4 chairs Hitchcock cherry table, chairs and hutch. Some antiques, books accessories, etc.

Household Goods (T16)

\$145 BED A brand new queen double pillow top mattress set. New in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver 517-490-9404

\$235 BED A king double pillow top mattress set. Brand new, in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver 517-490-9404

7 PIECE walnut dining room set w/china cabinet. Tan rock-er/finisher. 8 piece white resin patio furniture. Best offer. (810) 632-6973

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BRAND NEW KING size Pillow Top Mattress/Box set in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver \$225. Oakland 248-444-5216

BRAND NEW QUEEN size Pillow Top Mattress/Box set in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver \$225. Oakland 248-444-5216

COUCH & chair w/solid Oak trim, 2 crystal tables, solid Oak tea cart. Exc cond (248) 436-1614

DINING ROOM cherry solid wood, double pedestal table w/leaves, lighted hutch & buffet. 8 Chippendale chairs, side-servant. New in box w/factory warranty. Cost \$10K. Must sell \$2250. 248-939-0013

GIRLS Bedroom Furniture. Solid wood. White/yellow trim. Full bed, 2 dressers, desk, vanity, chair. \$450. 248-626-2978

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DELTA 10" contractors saw. Craftsman Radial saw. Delta Floor drill press (248) 486-1895

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Business & Office Equipment (T24)

CREDIT CARD terminal. Nurd 2090, portable w/manual side \$2700 (734) 878-2306

Cameras & Supplies (T28)

CAMCORDER RCA 400X w/bag. Dog Zoom, \$170 (810) 632-6722

Commercial/Industrial Machinery for Sale (T34)

JOHN DEERE 1975, 310 BACK HOE. Diesel. \$8500/best. (810) 750-4486

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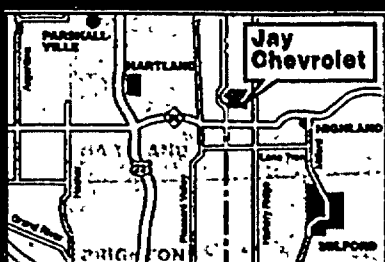
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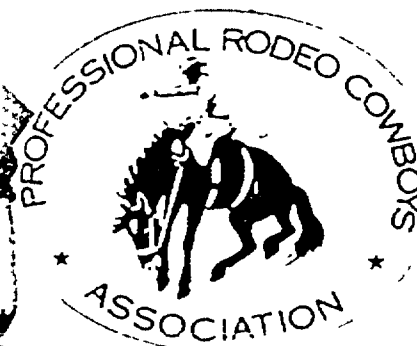


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Ask American Profile

Q I think Chi McBride, who plays Principal Steven Harper on *Boston Public*, is great. Tell me more about this actor.

—Larry W., Ohio

Chi (pronounced Shy) McBride has quite a resume, considering he began acting just 10 years ago. Before his acting career took off, he worked for a phone company and was in a band, among other things. In addition to working on *Boston Public*, McBride, 41, has appeared in four movies released in the last year: *Undercover Brother*, *Paid in Full*, *Narc*, and *Cradle 2 the Grave*. Some viewers may recognize the Chicago native from his role as the janitor on *The John Larroquette Show*. McBride also had the title role in the controversial 1998 series *The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer*. On stage, he played eight characters in the play *Nagasaki Sake*, which was directed by Robert Downey Sr.



On TV, film, and stage, it seems actor Chi McBride made up for lost time.

Q What can you tell me about country music entertainer Ray Stevens? I think he is very talented.

—Rose B., Illinois

While Stevens is best known for comic novelty recordings such as *The Streak*, which turned a national craze into a hit, the Clarkdale, Ga., native has won two Grammys—the first in 1970 for the inspirational *Everything is Beautiful*, and the second in 1975 for his country version of the jazz standard *Misty*. Stevens studied classical piano and music theory at Georgia State University, but his classical career was cut short in 1961 when he recorded his first novelty song, *Jeremiah Peabody's Polyunsaturated Quick Dissolving Fast Acting Pleasant Tasting Green & Purple Pills*. He then moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he worked as pianist, arranger, and vocalist before his recording of *Ahab the Arab* went to Number 5 on the pop charts. While he's recorded all kinds of music, Stevens has no desire to shake the novelty tag. "I think there's probably more longevity in staying with a niche of entertainment," he says. ☆



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Q What's the status of the talented and attractive actress Lee Remick? Has she retired from acting and is she in good health?

—Charles G., New York

The actress who once said, "I make movies for grownups. When Hollywood starts making them again, I'll start acting in them again," died July 2, 1991, of liver and kidney cancer at age 55. The blonde, blue-eyed performer made her film debut at age 21 in Elia Kazan's *A Face in the Crowd*, playing a drum majorette who becomes involved with a television personality Lonesome Rhodes, played by Andy Griffith. She emerged as a real star after her 1959 role in *Anatomy of a Murder*. Born in Boston, she moved with her mother at age 7 to New York, where she studied at Barnard College and the Actors' Studio. She earned an Academy Award nomination for her role as an alcoholic in *Days of Wine and Roses*, but returned to theater and television between movies, then moved to England in 1970. Her television roles included *A Delicate Balance* and *The Women's Room*. She formed a production company with James Garner and Peter Duchow in 1988. She was married twice and had two sons.



Screen siren Lee Remick.

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Not Just Clowning Around



Shawn Thompson slaps on some warpaint.

**"You can't outrun
a bull. They have
four legs and
you've got two..."**

Shawn Thompson and his brother Ben rush to the aid of little brother Andy, who's overdosed on chili dogs. Out comes a surgical tool—a chain saw—and the outcome is sheer silliness.

The Thompson brothers, who've clowned around since they were tots, have sashayed those antics right into adulthood as The Triple Tease, a rodeo clown and bullfighting act that performs throughout the Midwest (bullfighters protect fallen riders by distracting the bull).

It doesn't surprise parents Lana and Ron Thompson that all three sons ended up in the rodeo arena. The boys grew up in the shadow of the state's biggest rodeo in Sidney, Iowa, a town of 1,300 aptly nicknamed "Rodeo Town USA" when 38,000 fans show up each summer.

"My dad was an official there and he'd get up early and take care of the livestock and repairs before the rodeo," Lana says. "The kids

were just babies when they started going."

As soon as the boys were big enough to kick up their heels, they played rodeo.

"I was the bull rider and got on the lawnmower and chased Shawn and Andy," recalls Ben, 25. "We tore up three lawnmowers that way."

Adds Andy, 24, "Whatever we could get to chase each other on—lawnmowers, bicycles—we'd use. And we'd hang tires in the tree to ride."

Shawn, 27, played the funny guy even as a kid.

"He was always telling jokes, even when there was no one around to laugh," Ben says.

In the arena, Shawn still coaxes chuckles in his role as barrelman. Although Ben and Andy share in the shenanigans, their job as bullfighters is serious—to protect the bull rider. When a rider is tossed onto the ground and quickly has to regain his balance and get out of the bull's way, that's where the bullfighters come in—as bait for the bulls.

"We take the hits for the cowboys," Ben says. "You can't outrun a bull. They have four legs and you've got two, so you make circles. You don't ever run in a straight line."

"Sometimes a guy will get hung up and you have 1,200 pounds of mean beast dragging him along by his arm. Andy and I get in there and grab his hand and get him off. It's just instinct."

It's instinct, practice, and, for the Thompsons, it's something more powerful—a brotherly bond in a family that's not embarrassed to show they care for one another.

Bullfighters do more than clown around—they sometimes save the cowboy's bacon.

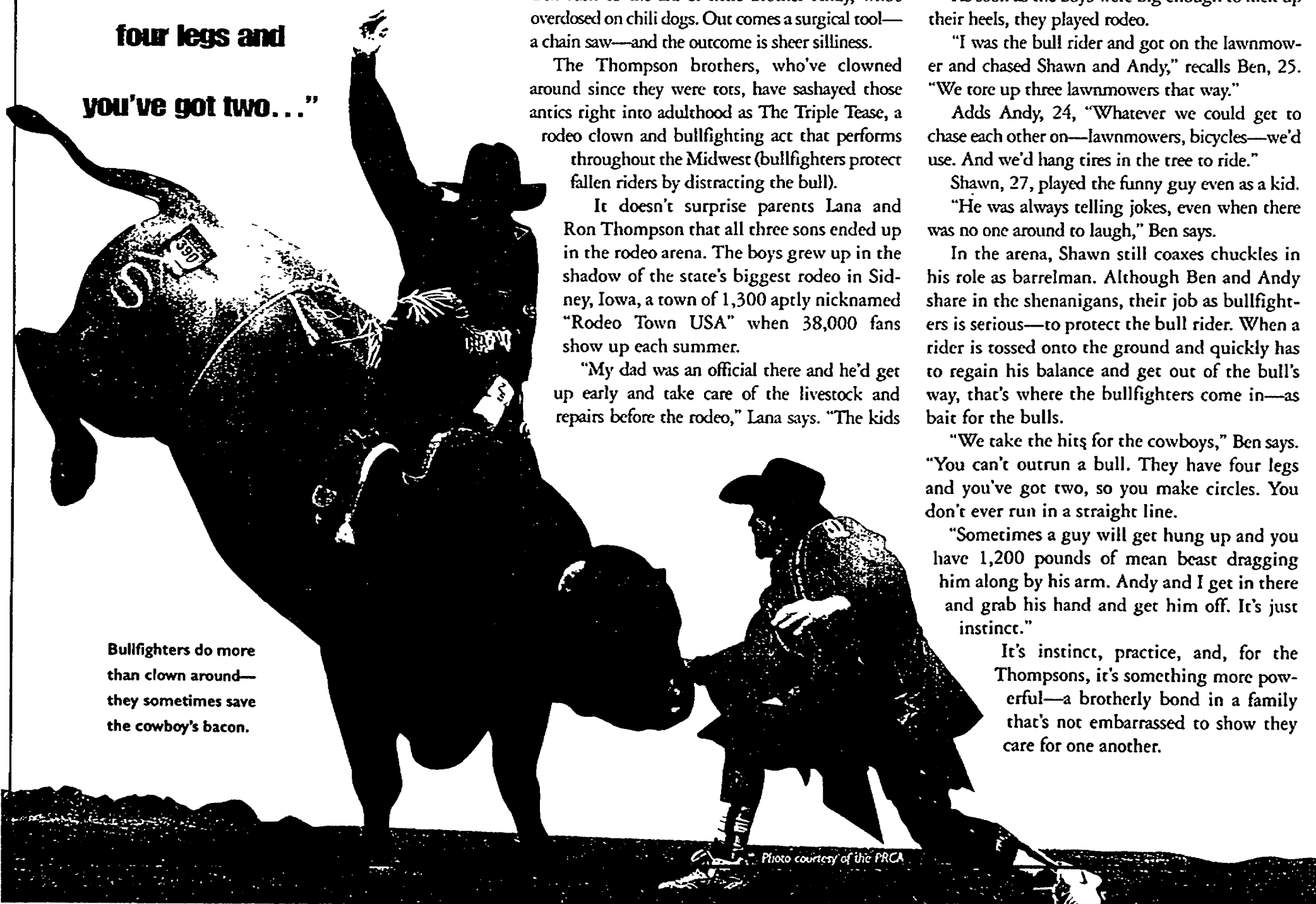


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When not being chased by bulls, the Thompson brothers easily rustle up a laugh.

"We've always looked after one another," Ben says. "Heck, growing up we lived in the same room."

Shawn says that Ben and Andy are able to anticipate each other's moves.

"They know just where the other will be," he says. "Andy's style is absolute reckless abandon, and Ben is the total athlete, able to slip in and slip out. They've saved so many cowboys."

And they've saved each other. Last summer, Ben jumped between Andy and a bull when he saw Andy on his hands and knees and face-to-face with the bull.

"I knew he was in a bad situation," Ben says. "I ran out and got the bull's attention and somehow he got my leg under his horn and picked me up. Tore every ligament I had."

To Be There:

For a complete listing of professional rodeo events and television broadcasts, log on to *ProRodeo.com*, website of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). *American Profile* is proud to be the official newspaper magazine of the PRCA.

Johnny Hopkins, a retired bull rider and rodeo owner in Dayton, Iowa, appreciates that brotherly connection, too.

"When Ben and Andy are out there, I know they've got things under control," Hopkins says. "I like having all the brothers around. The show flows nice and easy. I know the acts won't go too long with Shawn. And they're the nicest people you could ever meet."

Shawn landed in the rodeo business first after a joke misfired. For a class assignment his senior year, he had to list a career that interested him. As a lark, he wrote "bullfighting." To help him out, the teacher contacted a rodeo clown, who invited him to a bullfighting school in Wahoo, Neb. (pop. 3,830).

"I didn't want to look like a chicken, so I went," Shawn says with a laugh. A 2,000-pound bull pitched him over an 8-foot fence that first day and the admitted daredevil was hooked.

Andy began bull riding in high school, then worked with a local rodeo contractor after graduation. When Shawn needed an assistant one weekend, he asked Andy.

"I said, 'Oh, come on. You just have to wear makeup and stand there,'" Shawn says. "I was so impressed with Andy. The kid had so much savvy."

Ben, a champion high school wrestler, watched his brothers from the sidelines until "they dragged me into it," he says. He started joining them in the practice pen and, before long, the three hit the road, living in an RV and pulling a trailer filled with Shawn's props and gear. They work about 40 rodeos a season from May to October, primarily in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, and the Dakotas.

Shawn's humor is homegrown and of a hi-shenani-gans caliber, such as conducting a Twinkie-eating contest for the rodeo queen contestants or parading around in a horse head. Although the guys practice the acts, winging it just adds to the goofs and the giggles, they say.

"At the end of the show, we usually play with the bull," Shawn says. "It's a crowd pleaser."

Awards have been plenty for all three Thompsons, including being

voted top bullfighters and barrelmen by members of the United Rodeo Association, the Iowa Rodeo Association, and the Iowa Rodeo Cowboys Association.

When not rodeoing, the three brothers work for farmers and ranchers. They talk about going professional, but a big drawback would be more travel and time away from home.

"We're all three such homebodies," Ben says.

Adds Andy, "Mom and Dad will still drive four or five hours a night to watch us."

"I just feel like I'm at the top of the game where I'm at," Shawn says. "I've met so many nice people and I get to work with my brothers. We're going to keep doing this as long as we can."

And if humor keeps you young, that could be a long time. Shawn, for example, recently shaved his head—not because it's hip, but because with a sweaty bald head he can wear a toilet plunger as a hat. ☆

Marti Atton, a frequent contributor to American Profile, writes from her home in Joplin, Mo.

Andy, Ben, and Shawn Thompson hang out before the rodeo.



Hometown Spotlight

Friday Night Jamboree

by NINA COHEN

Most days, the Floyd Country Store is a quiet place, selling crafts and bluegrass CDs. When Friday rolls around, though, the store dusts itself off and throws its doors open to some of the finest old-time and bluegrass music southern Appalachia has to offer. For 20 years, musicians and dancers from across western Virginia have flocked year-round to Floyd's Friday Night Jamboree.

On a cool spring evening, instrument cases line the sidewalk in front of the white clapboard store in Floyd, Va. (pop. 432). Tunes drift through the air as players clump together and start warming up. Lots of them stay outside all evening, swapping tunes with anyone who'll play along.

Inside, the show gets underway with the 6:30 p.m. bluegrass gospel hour. Listeners, who pay \$3 to get in, fill the rows of folding chairs in front of the stage. Hubert Roberson works the sound system. A Floyd native and accomplished musician for most of his 76 years, he was part of the group that started the Friday night tradition back in 1983.

"I was in a band called the Bluegrass Travelers," he says. "We'd come in here Friday nights to practice. At first, the door was locked and people would stand outside to listen at us. Finally we let them in. Then, we moved stuff out of the way so they could

see us, and the first thing you knew, it just got bigger and bigger."

Meanwhile, the "sidewalk grass"—those groups jamming outside—is in full swing, with crowds of onlookers gathered around. Just outside the door, 13-year-old Jarred Nut-



Bluegrass music takes center stage.



Photos by Doug Miller

The Floyd Country Store serves up old-time entertainment and good, clean fun.

ter of Meadow Bridge, W.Va., plays old-time tunes on the fiddle while his teacher, Jim Costa, accompanies him on guitar. A young guy in a camouflage cap backs them up on the banjo and a woman with an upright bass plucks out the beat.

Nutter has only been playing for a year, but he sounds confident as they go through such tunes as *Whiskey Before Breakfast* and *Little Billy Wilson*. The banjo player calls out the chords of an unfamiliar song for the bassist, and they all break into laughter as Costa forgets the words.

People with taps on their shoes clatter by on their way in. The gospel band is done, and now the dancing can begin. Ralph Hayden and the Barbershop Grass get a lively crowd flatfooting across the wooden floor. Little kids, old folks, and everyone in between shuffles along to the irresistible rhythm.

After a few numbers, the floor clears for the Old Dominion Cloggers. Dressed in black pants and twirly skirts, their synchronized taps ring out as they demonstrate fancy square dance moves to loud claps and cheers.

By 8:30 p.m., a new band comes on and the store is packed with people. A younger crowd has started to file in. Hiking boots, sandals, and fashionable haircuts mix with the feed store caps and pressed blue jeans. The music continues until around 11:30 p.m.

Alzona Wood works the refreshment counter, scooping ice cream and pouring Cokes. "People hear about us through the Internet, and lots of students come here from Virginia Tech," she says. "We don't allow drinking or smoking, so they come for good, clean entertainment and to learn about the music."

Mike Brough, co-owner of the store, says he and his partner William Morgan haven't planned any major changes since they bought the place in 1999.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," he says. "We're continually amazed at how popular and widely known the place is. At least a third of the hands go up whenever I ask who is there for the first time."

"But what's unique is that the flavor of it hasn't changed," Brough adds. "We're real pleased at how many excellent musicians come and play here. I tell you, it's hard to keep your feet still when that music is going. If your feet are still, you better check your pulse!" ☆

Nina Cohen is a writer and resident of Floyd, Va.



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KANSAS—Built in 1857, the Indian Pay Station in St. Marys (pop. 2,198) is the oldest building in Pottawatomie County (pop. 18,209). The government and Pottawatomie Indians conducted business here.

MICHIGAN—Since the early 1900s, Yale (pop. 2,063) has been home to bologna makers. Two tons of bologna were consumed at the 2002 Bologna Festival.

MINNESOTA—Cartoonist Charles Schulz, who created Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang, was born in 1922 in Minneapolis. The comic debuted in seven newspapers in 1950 and eventually appeared in more than 2,600 papers.

MISSOURI—It took 103 years, but researchers have mapped all 44.6 million acres of the state's soil. Begun in 1899 and completed in April 2002 in Jefferson City (pop. 39,636), more than 5,000 types of soil were identified.

NEBRASKA—The 1857 Combs School in Homer (pop. 590) is the oldest schoolhouse in Dakota County (pop. 20,253).

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OHIO—Lexicographer Isaac Kauffman Funk, born in 1839 in Clifton (pop. 179), teamed with A.W. Wagnalls and published the *Standard Dictionary of the English Language* in 1893.

SOUTH DAKOTA—David Allan Evans, an author and English professor at South Dakota State University in Brookings (pop. 18,504), was named state poet laureate in 2002.

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Hometown Hero

Speaking for Two Cultures

by SHERI REHWOLDT

Tilting her head, Rocio Flores glances around as if expecting to find the English adjective hovering just beyond her recall. Her fingers tap the table for a moment. She utters a word softly, testing it, then jumps back into the conversation.

Flores, 34, is used to lively dialogue in Spanish. In her native Mexico she was a writer, director, and producer of children's radio programs. But since moving to Harbeson, Del., (pop. 598) in 1996, she's worked to develop that same ease in English—an ease she needs to publish her bilingual

newspaper, *HoY en Delaware* (HOY). She chats about her husband, Jose Somalo, her love of Latino arts and culture, and her surprise at finding herself living in the United States. "I never expected to leave my beloved Mexico," she says, amused at the curves life has thrown her.

But Flores enjoys challenges and opportunities. So when her husband accepted a supervisory position with Perdue Farms, she set out to put down roots in Delaware. She quickly discovered she isn't alone—the First State's Latino population has doubled in the last 10 years.



Rocio Flores builds bridges of understanding with her bilingual newspaper.

Immigrants from Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Mexico, and Cuba come seeking a better life. Many find work within southern Delaware's chicken industry. Sussex County is one of the nation's top broiler-producing regions, processing more than 240 million chickens annually.

Soon after moving, Flores founded HOY, the only monthly bilingual newspaper addressing the needs of Delaware's burgeoning Latino community. Most of the content is presented in both Spanish and English. Within its 30-some pages (which fluctuates with advertising), columnists address political, social, and business issues affecting the community, balanced by lighter features, including local sports scores and photos of community events. A bilingual word puzzle invites readers to connect a word in Spanish with its English counterpart, and a large classified section advertises jobs.

"In moving to 'the land of the opportunities,' we thought that having our own business would give us a great opportunity for personal achievement, help us to integrate into the new community, and allow us to offer a service that will be a benefit for others," she says.

But Flores operates from a larger mission.

"Media plays an important role in the growth of any community," she says. "We are striving to bridge a gap of understanding between Spanish and English speakers across the state."

In only seven years, HOY has achieved a statewide circulation of 8,000 and has been profitable for the last two. Flores never doubted its success. "We knew we had to earn the trust of the community," she says. "It just takes time for a large geographic area to embrace and accept something new."

In addition to being HOY's primary writer, editor, photographer, advertising sales representative, and secretary, Flores also is president of El Centro Cultural, a volunteer organization that encourages cultural stability and artistic expression within Sussex County's Latin American community. "We try to bring the Anglo community to Latino events, and integrate Latino artists into Anglo activities," she says.

Her performers include musical groups from the Andes and Guatemala, dance groups from Mexico and the Dominican Republic, and a percussion group from El Salvador. El Centro Cultural also sponsors Festival Hispano, a celebration of music, dance, poetry, and storytelling scheduled for Aug. 24 in nearby Millsboro.

"Rocio (Flores) has been a major force in cultural development among the Latino community," says Susan Salkin of the Delaware Division of the Arts. "She knew instinctively that the arts could be a great vehicle for helping people get to know one another, for breaking down barriers, for celebrating, and for developing local leadership in her community."

Flores is pleased her efforts are making a difference.

"It's my heart's duty to try to make the lives of those in the Latino community full of happiness, beauty, and harmony," she says. "It was a big change for me to come here, but I'm fulfilled. I can't take Mexico City out of my heart, but this is my home now." ☆

Sheri Rehwoldt is a freelance writer in Wilmington, Del.

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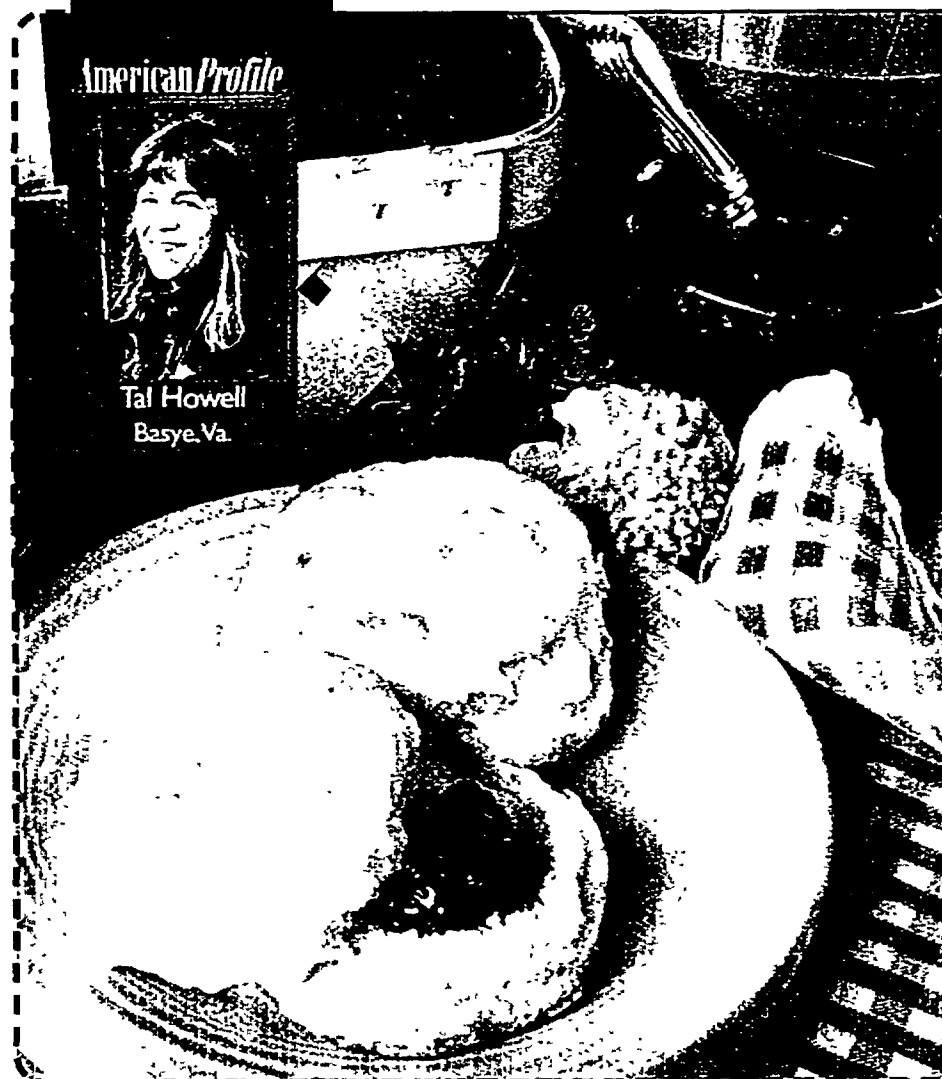
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Gently sort, rinse, and drain fresh berries. Place them in a large pot with the sugar and lemon juice. Bring to a boil over medium high heat. Reduce heat to medium low and stir occasionally. This juicy mixture will thicken while it simmers. Skim off foam. Be careful not to overcook, or it will become tarry. Fills: 8 wide-mouth 1 pint jars.

Carefully follow the canning directions supplied with your jars to guarantee sterile jars, well-sealed flavor, and a long shelf life.

Tips from the Test Kitchen:

These preserves are simply too good to be limited to biscuits. Try them on ice cream, croissants, bagels, pound cake, in trifle, with custard, stirred into plain yogurt, and more.

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Dumb Luck Strikes Again!

Then, on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at a meeting of the 20th World Congress of Dermatology in Paris, France, a series of studies detailing the superior wrinkle-reducing properties of a patented oglio-peptide (called Pal-KTTKS) versus retinol, vitamin C, and placebo, on "photo-aged skin" was presented.^{1,2} "As luck would have it," Dr. Mowrey states, "the wrinkle-reducing oglio-peptide tested in the breakthrough clinical trials turned out to be a key active ingredient in the StriVectin cream."

In the trials, subjects applied the patented peptide solution to the crows' feet area on one side of the face, and a cream containing either retinol, vitamin C, or a placebo to the other side.

Subjects in the Pal-KTTKS/retinol study applied the cream once a day for 2 months and then twice a day for the next 2 months. Using special image analysis, the study's authors reported "significant improvement" in wrinkle depth, length, wrinkle volume, and skin roughness for those women using the peptide solution.

Better yet, at the 2-month halfway point, the peptide solution thickened skin nearly 1.5 times faster than retinol, and without the inflammation retinol often causes in sensitive skin. As was expected, the results of the remaining studies confirmed that the Pal-KTTKS solution's effectiveness at reducing fine lines and wrinkles far exceeded both vitamin C and placebo.

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Dr. Nathalie Chevreau, Director of Women's Health at Salt Lake City based Basic Research³, explains, "Many researchers believe less invasive cosmetic alternatives are more effective than Botox. That's because 'cosmeceutical' creams and gels offer gradual, continual results, while the effects of Botox and facial peels begin to wear off the very next day... you'll never look better than you do immediately after treatment."

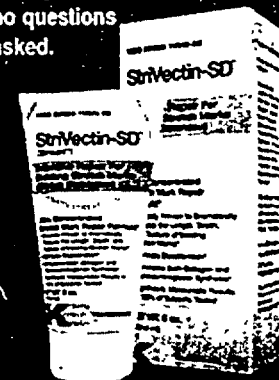
"On the other hand," Dr. Chevreau continues, "the cumulative effects of using a product like StriVectin become more noticeable every day, and ultimately last longer than Botox."

While StriVectin-SD has not been shown to eliminate the deep furrows targeted by Botox injections, the active ingredient in StriVectin-SD has been shown to significantly reduce that category of fine lines and wrinkles that can add 10-15 years to your appearance (the type of fine lines and wrinkles Botox treatment leaves behind)... giving you a youthful, healthy, glowing complexion faster than retinol, far superior to vitamin C, and without irritation, painful injections, or surgery.

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In a remarkable turn of events, arguably one of the strangest in the history of cosmetics,

women across the country are putting a stretch-mark reducing emulsion called StriVectin-SD® on their face to get rid of fine lines, wrinkles and crows' feet. And, if consumer sales are any indication of a product's effectiveness, StriVectin-SD is nothing short of a miracle. Women (as well as a growing number of "Boomer" men) are buying so much StriVectin-SD that finding a tube at your local cosmetic counter has become just about impossible. Has everyone gone mad? Well... not really.

Scientific Breakthrough or Dumb Luck?

Although StriVectin-SD was already backed by clinical trials documenting its ability to visibly reduce the depth, length, discoloration and roughness of existing stretch marks, the success of StriVectin-SD as an anti-wrinkle cream was "dumb luck," says Gina Gay, spokesperson for Klein-Becker, StriVectin-SD's exclusive distributor.

"When we first handed out samples of the StriVectin formula to employees and customers as part of our market research, the sample tubes were simply marked 'topical cream' with the lot number underneath," Ms. Gay explains. "As the samples were passed to friends and family, the message became a little muddled and some people used this 'topical cream' as a facial moisturizer. As we began to receive feedback from users, like 'I look 10 years younger' and 'my crows' feet are gone,' we knew we had something more than America's most effective stretch-mark reducer. The point was driven home as store owners began reporting that almost as many people were purchasing StriVectin as an anti-wrinkle cream as were buying it to reduce stretch marks."

Dr. Daniel B. Mowrey, Klein-Becker's Director of Scientific Affairs, says, "Clearly, people were seeing results, but we didn't have a scientific explanation as to why this wrinkle-reduction was occurring. However, based on the incredibly positive reports, I started using it myself — applying StriVectin to my face after shaving." Dr. Mowrey adds, "On a personal note, my wife tells me I haven't looked this good in years."

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